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**Subject:** FW: Proposed GR 34

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Chief Justice Madsen, Justice Johnson, and the justices of the Washington Supreme Court:

I am writing, both as a Washington attorney and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services. I strongly encourage you to adopt proposed GR 34 .

Proposed GR 34 would accomplish a number of laudible goals. First and foremost, it would ensure access to the courts for low income persons unable to pay the filing fee and other mandatory incidental fees. It would do so by establishing consistent standards to be applied by superior court officials in considering requests for waivers of these fees. As a result, similarly situated low income people would be treated the same regardless of where they live or what court official is reviewing their application for a waiver of fees. The rule would establish a simple, predictable process for the consideration and approval of requests to proceed *in forma pauperis* that is grounded in generally accepted levels of indigency.

Significantly, GR 34 would also save scarce resources by reducing the amount of unnecessary attorney, court, and administrative time involved in processing IFP applications. It would also eliminate duplication of effort by providing for routine acceptance of initial pleadings for individuals represented by attorneys (staff or pro bono) associated with qualified legal aid providers where the individuals have already been screened and found eligible for free civil legal aid services.

For all of these reasons, I hope the Court will adopt GR 34.

Sincerely,

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