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Subject: Comment regarding proposed CrR 4.11

Dear Ms. Faulk:

I am an attorney in private practice in Clark County who contracts with the county to represent indigent clients charged with crimes in Superior Court. Recorded interviews protect the interests of the witness and the interest of the defendant. Many times in the last 17 years I have played a recording of a witness interview to a client so that a client can make an informed decision about a plea offer and to drive home the point that the witness (sometimes a family member or loved one) really is prepared to testify in court.

A recorded interview leaves no margin for error in accurately recalling what a witness said in the interview. Many times I have caught errors in my notes when I go back and listen to the recording or review the transcript of an interview. In my experience recorded interviews are much less time consuming because attorneys and investigators are not slowed down by the need to take copious notes.

I fully support the implementation of CrR 4.11.

Very truly yours,

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