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Superior Court Judges' Association

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Justice Charles Johnson
Washington State Supreme Court
P. O. Box 40929
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

RE: Proposed General Rule 35

Dear Justice Johnson,

The Superior Court Judges' Association (SCJA) Board of Trustees met on November 21, 2009 and unanimously voted to oppose proposed General Rule (GR) 35. The consensus of the Board is that proposed GR 35 attempts to establish an alternative process to set court fees, which is a legislative function and not a rule-making function. For this reason alone, the SCJA will oppose the adoption of GR 35 on separation of powers grounds, without commenting on the substance.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the position of the SCJA on proposed GR 35. Thank you for considering our position.

Sincerely,

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President Judge

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