

## Faulk, Camilla

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**Subject:** Comment on GR 31A

Dear Ms. Faulk:

I would like to offer a comment on Proposed GR 31 A. My comment is directed to format rather than substance. I have had an opportunity to work on a number of rules as a member of SCJA and formerly as a member of DMCJA.

Unfortunately there are several instances where the court rules use the upper case "A" as is proposed here. There has been some effort to try to revise the format of such rules to refer to ".1" instead. An example is the revision of former rules CrR 3.2A and CrRLJ3.2A to CrR 3.2.1 and CrR 3.2.1.

Use of the upper case "A" can contribute to some confusion when the rule is read orally. A court reporter or person hearing the reference may be unsure if one is saying "31A" or "31(a)." I would observe that a larger effort to clean up the format of all court rules needs to be made, but we should contribute to the ultimate cleanup by not creating new references that contain the upper case "A."

Thus, I would suggest that the new proposed rule be titled "GR 31.1."

Sincerely,  
*Judge Salvatore F. Cozza*  
Spokane County Superior Court