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My name is RON PEREY. I am a civil trial lawyer admitted to the Washington State Bar in 1968. I have been exclusively practicing trial law for 46 year and will continue to do so into the foreseeable future. My office is in Seattle where where I practice with my partner Doug Weinmaster at the PEREY LAW GROUP. We are personal injury lawyers. During the first part of my law career I was an insurance defense trial lawyer, but for the past 35 years I have exclusively represented injured people. I have tried to conclusion over 250 jury trials.

I am VERY aware of the major effort by defendants, doctors, hospitals, corporations and insurers to to seal from public view the facts of injury-causing events (negligence) and the harm and confusion regarding safety that occurs when court records or SETTLEMENTS are sealed by judges or at the demand of defendants.

I would prefer that we have an entirely open and transparent court system, but sometimes there is good cause for secrecy to protect private interests. But General Rule 15 should NOT be changed. It works quite well as currently written. The public and the media should always be able to examine court files and evaluate the work of judges, lawyers and prosecutors in order to inform and protect the public.

DO NOT CHANGE GENERAL RULE 15.

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