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RE: Proposed changes to RPC 1.2

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Dear Justices of the Washington State Supreme Court:

The Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers strongly supports publishing proposed RPC 1.2, allowing attorneys to advise clients on state law when state law conflicts with federal law.

The role of state and federal governments has been hotly contested since prior to the adoption of the United States constitution. At the Constitutional Convention in 1787, the Federalist and the Anti-Federalists disagreed over the role of the federal and state governments and those disagreements continue to the present. Our representative form of government permits and encourages participation in the governmental process, the passage of new laws and the rescinding of other laws. Informed participation is crucial for our system to function as intended. It is of paramount import that educated participation allows for interested parties to be counseled by attorneys on changes in the law and how to comply with state law, even when that law is in conflict with federal law, without fear of ethical violations. WACDL supports and encourages active participation in the law-making process and such participation includes advising clients with regard to compliance with state law and federal law, even when the inherent tension between the two are in direct conflict. Only by having full knowledge of all relevant laws can there be meaningful participation in the governmental and law-making process.

Sincerely,



Kent Underwood, Co-Chair  
WACDL Court Rules Committee



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**To:** Fred Rice  
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To whom it may concern,

I am sending the attached letter on behalf of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. The letter expresses support for the proposed changes to RPC 1.2. I would appreciate it if you could confirm receipt of this email.

Kind regards,

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