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Here is another one for you. ☺

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Dear Justices:

I support the amendments as proposed by the WSBA's MCLE Board.

I live on San Juan Island, a five hour trip (including ferry travel) from Seattle, and when I attend a live CLE in Seattle I must spend the night before in Seattle to be sure of getting there on time. I therefore support webinars, and non-live CLEs, such as offered by pre-recorded CLEs, and I urge you to liberalize the requirements to remove all "live" CLE requirements.

On a broader note, I first practiced law in Massachusetts, beginning in 1982, which did not then, and still does not, impose any CLE requirements. Washington State's "parental" approach, which assumes that attorneys won't take CLEs unless forced to do so, fails to produce better attorneys than Massachusetts produces, costs substantially more to administer, and encourages a thought process that if one has satisfied one's CLE requirements one has learned as much as one ought, which of course is not necessarily true. I support Massachusetts' policy: attorneys that are conscientious will always take what CLEs they need, and attorneys who are not conscientious won't learn from them regardless of what requirements you impose. I therefore urge you to drop all CLE requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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