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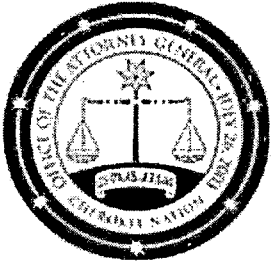
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To the Honorable Washington Supreme Court,
As Deputy Attorney General for the largest Indian tribe in the Country, Cherokee Nation, I support and applaud the proposed rule change that would allow attorneys to appear on behalf of Indian tribes in ICWA cases without "the association of counsel and fee and assessment requirements" usually required for *pro hac vice* admission. With this rule change, Washington will join at least six other states that have allowed (by rule or case law) relaxed requirements for attorneys representing Indian tribes in ICWA cases. Cherokee Nation has Indian children involved in child custody proceedings governed by ICWA in all 50 states, any change in rule that allows easier intervention and participation in cases involving our children is welcome. Additionally, it is important for courts to know that participation by a tribal attorney in ICWA child custody proceedings often brings a level of legal expertise to the case that can improve final outcomes for all involved. Thank you for presenting this proposed rule and reviewing comments.

Respectfully,

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