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April 25, 2018

The Honorable Charles Johnson, Chair  
Washington State Supreme Court Rules Committee  
P.O. Box 40929  
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

Re: Proposed Amendments to APR 8

Dear Justice Johnson,

The Access to Justice Board's Rules Committee has recommended to the ATJ Board that it support the proposed amendments to APR 8. The Board has accepted that recommendation and is accordingly writing to you to express our support.

It is our understanding that the proposed amendment to APR 8 would allow an attorney who is not a WSBA licensed attorney, but one who is licensed and in good standing in the bar of another state or U.S. territory, to appear in a "child custody proceeding" pursuant to the Washington State Indian Welfare Act under certain circumstances. It is our understanding that the reason for this proposed amendment is because oftentimes non-Washington tribes may have an interest in a Child Welfare case in this state that involves one of their tribal members but cannot access our court system because they do not have the financial means to pay the required fees. The Board suggests that if the APRs do not already require such a lawyer admitted under this proposed amendment to affirm that they are familiar with the Washington State Court Rules and agree to be subject to the jurisdiction of the WSBA for purposes of their involvement with admission under the proposed amendment that such a requirement be made explicit.

The ATJ Board hopes that this Court consider and adopt the proposed amendments and take into account the Board's comments.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Revelle  
Access to Justice Board Chair

Cc: Paula Littlewood, Executive Director, Washington State Bar Association

## Tracy, Mary

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**Subject:** ATJ Board Comments on Proposed Amendments to APR 8

Good afternoon,

Attached, please find comments from the ATJ Board regarding the proposed amendments to APR 8.

Thank you,



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