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*Sent via email to supreme@courts.wa.gov*Washington State Supreme Court
P.O. Box 40929
Olympia, WA 98504-0929**RE: Public comment on Proposed RAP 10.2(f)(2) – Time for Filing Briefs**

Dear Justices of the Washington State Supreme Court:

The Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (WACDL) urges the Court *not* to publish the proposed amendment to RAP 10.2(f)(2).

WACDL has initiated, or participated in, countless *amicus* efforts. Often different people are assigned different tasks, including research and writing, and conferring with other organizations. All of these responsibilities depend on volunteers. Typically, one person will accept the primary responsibility for writing the *amicus* brief, but often other tasks, such as research and writing assistance, are delegated. Drafts are often circulated to various organizations. A valuable *amicus* brief involves a significant amount of effort and coordination.

Reducing the time for filing increases the difficulty of apprising the appellate court of our position. Given that we are making this effort for the benefit of the appellate court, it is in the interest of the court and the legal community to allow sufficient time to adequately prepare the relevant briefs. Reducing the time for filing the briefs adversely affects *amicus*' ability to accomplish our goal of advising the court of our position, and consequently adversely affects the court.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

/s/

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From: OFFICE RECEPTIONIST, CLERK
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 1:39 PM
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Subject: FW: Attached: comments on RAP 10.2 proposal
Attachments: Comments on RAP 10.2.pdf

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ATTENTION COURT FILERS: The Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals now have a web portal to use for filing documents. Beginning July 3, 2017, all electronic filing of documents in the Supreme Court should be through the web portal. We will accept your attached document for filing, but you should immediately follow the directions below to register for and begin using the appellate courts web portal for all future filings.

Here is a link to the website where you can register to use the web portal: <https://ac.courts.wa.gov/>
A help page for the site is at: <https://ac.courts.wa.gov/index.cfm?fa=home.showPage&page=portalHelp>
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Registration for and use of the web portal is free and allows you to file in any of the divisions of the Court of Appeals as well as the Supreme Court. The portal will automatically serve other parties who have an e-mail address listed for the case. In addition, you will receive an automated message confirming that your filing was received.

From: Fred Rice [mailto:fred.rice@wacdl.org]
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Subject: Attached: comments on RAP 10.2 proposal

To whom it may concern:

I am sending the attached letter regarding proposed changes to RAP 10.2 on behalf of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Please confirm receipt.

Very kind regards,

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