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Greetings: I want to provide some input on the proposed changes to CrRLJ 3.4. Sections (b) and (d) indicate that a defendant's presence is required for arraignment. What if arraignment is waived by a notice of appearance? I am assuming that this proposed amendment does not intend to interfere with waiver of arraignment, but it would be nice to make that clear, i.e. "The court shall require the defendant's presence at arraignment (when not waived by a notice of appearance), at every stage of trial,"

Thank you.

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