

February 1, 2020

To Whom it may concern:

My name is Jaine Krishnamachari and I support the adoption of General Rule 38, which will protect the rights of immigrants in our state. The presence of officers and increased immigration arrests around courthouses, ICE/CBP's 200+ warrantless civil arrests, have created fear and insecurity within the immigrant communities, resulting in a chilling effect that has stopped many from fulfilling their obligation of coming to court, whether to appear as witnesses, face charges such as traffic violations, or even to pay fees or fines. There is no equal justice when people feel afraid to access our court system. The First and Fifth Amendments protect the fundamental right of access to the courts and ensures core constitutional rights such as due process and equal protection under the law. Our court system cannot operate fairly or effectively when people don't feel safe coming forward.

I have personally been involved in escorting several community members to their court appointments. In each instance the community member is more than willing to fulfill their obligation of attendance, however, the thought of being apprehended by ICE/CBP, arrested, and ultimately separated from their families is terrifying. Many of these people are the bread winners and separation leaves the family in financial crisis, not to mention the mental and emotional stress. I applaud these brave people who ask for assistance in fulfilling their obligations. RPC 4.4 states: "No one should fear that their immigration status prevents them from seeking justice, whether as a crime victim or otherwise."

I implore you to support the adoption of General Rule 38.

Respectfully,
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Please find attached copies of letters voicing my support of General Rule 38 and RCP4.4 Commentary Amendment.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of these most important issues.

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