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Re: Support for GR 38 – Supplemental Comment

Dear Madame Clerk,

On behalf of the Washington State Gender and Justice Commission (GJC), I write to supplement our previous comment in support of GR 38, filed with the court on January 27, 2020.

In that letter, we referred to the fact that a coalition of advocacy organizations was planning to suggest amendments to the proposed GR 38 (as it was filed with the Court in November 2019). Having engaged in additional dialogue with other stakeholders, we now express our support for these suggested amendments.

The suggested amendments, which may be found in the letter from the Washington Defender Association filed with the court on February 27, 2020, incorporate recommendations raised by GJC and the other Supreme Court Commissions. We are heartened that the proponents of the rule were responsive and took up these issues.

The GJC is very supportive of the proposed GR 38 and respectfully urges the Supreme Court to adopt a Rule that considers all of these concerns and others that may be raised.

Thank you for your consideration.



Judge Marilyn G. Paja
Vice Chair, Gender and Justice Commission

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Washington State Gender and Justice Commission (GJC), please accept the attached supplemental comment to the proposed new Washington State Court Rule GR 38, published for comment in November 2019.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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