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TO: Judicial and Legal Community

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RE: 2014 AMENDMENTS TO THE JuCR 7.7 GUILTY PLEA

On July 9, 2014, the Washington State Supreme Court adopted amendments to the JuCR 7.7 Statement on Plea of Guilty. The amendments become effective when they are published in the Official Advance Sheets, Washington Reports, 180 Wn. 2d No.8. The anticipated publication date is August 5, 2014. The amendments are based upon Laws of 2014, Ch. 117, Relating to Juvenile Firearm Offenders.

The following table contains detailed descriptions of the amendments:

JuCR 7.7, Statement on Plea of Guilty

In paragraph 7 and the second check box option "JUVENILE REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION (JRA) COMMITMENT," in the paragraph below the table, change the third sentence as follows:

The conditions of parole will restrict my actions and may require me to participate in activities and programs including, but not limited to, evaluation, treatment, education, employment, community restitution, electronic monitoring, and urinalysis, and, if I am adjudicated of certain offenses, a program applicable to juvenile firearm offenders.

In paragraph 12[N], insert a new subparagraph [v]:

[v] Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the 1st or 2nd degree. I understand that if I am pleading guilty to Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the 1st or 2nd degree, I must participate in a "qualifying program" unless there is no such program available or the court makes a written finding based on the juvenile court risk assessment that participation in the program would not be appropriate. A qualifying program means an aggression replacement training program, a functional family therapy program, or another cost-beneficial, evidence or research based approved program applicable to the juvenile firearm offender population.