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**SUPREME COURT  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

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LAURIE ANN STIGEN, Respondent

v.

GENE KEITH STIGEN, Appellant

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REPLY TO ANSWER TO PETITION FOR REVIEW

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Appellant submits the following in reply to respondent's answer to his petition for review.

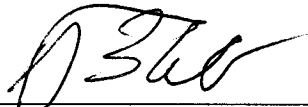
The respondent claims that the petition for review does not satisfy the requirements of RAP 13.4(b). In fact, the petition for review involves an issue of substantial public interest, and therefore satisfies RAP 13.4(b)(4).

The appellant is requesting that the case be remanded to the trial court to determine values for the assets divided by the court, as required by *Marriage of Hadley*, 88 Wn. 2d 649 (1977) and *Wold v Wold*, 7 Wn. App. 872, (Div. 1, 1972). The Court of Appeals declined to review the case because a trial transcript was not supplied. Attached is the court reporter's estimate that the trial transcript would cost \$2,600.00. Many litigants, including appellant, are unable to afford this expense. This raises an issue of access to justice, which is certainly an issue of substantial public interest. The appellant respectfully requests that the Supreme Court address this issue, so that other litigants who have not been dealt with fairly by the trial court can receive justice.

#### WORD COUNT COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

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Dated August 7, 2024

  
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#### APPENDIX

1. Court of Appeals decision on appeal.
2. Court of Appeals decision denying motion for reconsideration.

**RE: STIGEN/STIGEN, PCSC # 21-3-03933-8 - Costs of Transcripts**

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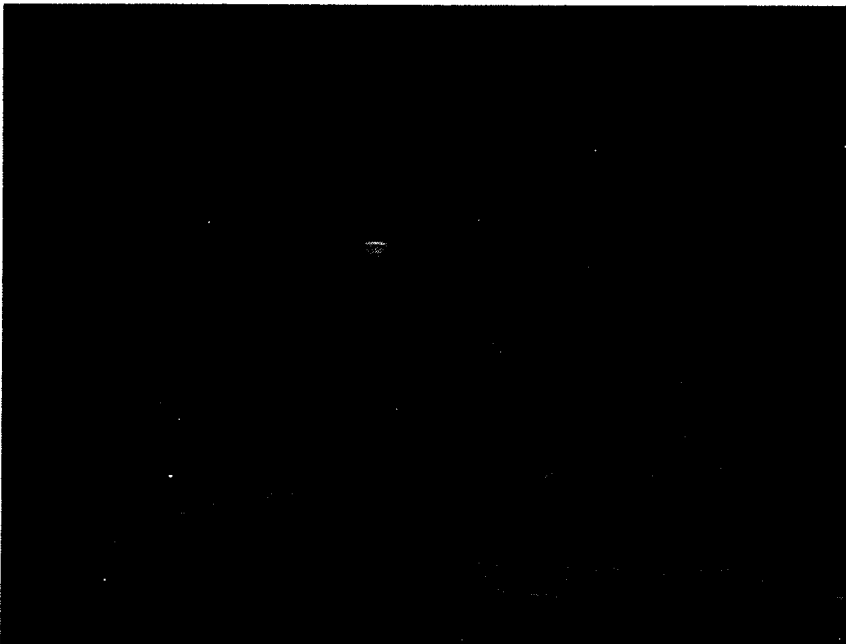
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Thank you,

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