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ANNA G. BELL,

Petitioner,

V.

CANDACE K. SCHUPP,

Respondent.

DEFENDANT'S ANSWER IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO STRIKE

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RAP 10.3(c)
RAP 13.4(d)

I. ARGUMENT

Defendant Schupp supports the Court Clerk's Motion to Strike Plaintiff Bell's Reply. The Reply is prohibited by governing Rules of Appellate Procedure because defendant Schupp merely answered plaintiff Bell's issues:

A party may file a reply to an answer only if the answering party seeks review of issues not raised in the petition for review.

RAP 13.4(d).

A reply brief should . . . be limited to a response to the issues in the brief to which the reply is directed.

RAP 10.3(c).

Moreover, the Washington Supreme Court holds that:

A "new" issue is not created merely by supporting a previous ground for relief with different factual allegations or with different legal arguments.

In re Davis, 152 Wash.2d 647, 671, 101 P.3d 1 (2004). See also
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Point Ruston, 534 P.3d 805 (Wash. 2023) ("Starr is not raising new issues merely because it approaches its arguments in a different way.")

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CONCLUSION

Plaintiff Bell's Reply should be stricken because the defendant Schupp's Answer was limited to issues raised in plaintiff Bell's Petition for Review.

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