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I am writing in support of Proposed GR 33, and urge its adoption. As a law professor, advocate for people with disabilities in the courts and administrative settings, and as former Chief Administrative Law Judge for the State of Washington Office of Administrative Hearings, I have seen first hand the large barriers to access to our justice system for disabled litigants. This rule puts in place a clear process for requesting and assessing accommodations, one that is long overdue. Having this process in place is the perfect next step following the recently published Court Guide on Ensuring Equal Access for People with Disabilities. GR 33 demonstrates our courts' commitment to ensuring that all persons, including those with disabilities, are able to access our justice system. I wholeheartedly support the adoption of GR 33 – it will become a national model for implementing the legal obligation of courts to reasonably accommodate people with disabilities as they access our justice system.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on this important new rule.

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