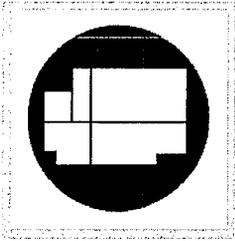


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Please accept these comments on behalf of the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC)



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Mr. Ronald Carpenter  
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Re: Proposed General Rule 34

Mr Carpenter:

On behalf of our members, Washington State's thirty-nine counties, the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) request that you decline to adopt General Rule 34. If adopted, this rule will adversely impact county budgets by decreasing revenues.

If the proposed rule is passed, it would raise the eligibility for filing fees in civil matters, and various other service fees, for individuals with incomes up to 200% of the current federal poverty level. The proposed rule's automatic waiver of collection of statutory fees would substantially impact county revenues. Counties are required to provide many mandated services to their residents. The adoption of these proposed rules would force counties to allocate resources to the courts and away from other mandated services such as public health, mental health, and transportation.

WSAC respectfully requests that the Court decline to adopt these rules.

Sincerely,

Rashi Gupta, WSAC  
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