

Faulk, Camilla

From: Allen Ressler [allen@resslertesh.com]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 2:55 PM
To: Faulk, Camilla
Subject: CrR 4.11

I understand that the Court is considering the adoption of a new rule that would authorize tape recording witness interviews. I urge the Court to adopt this rule.

Under the current scheme whether or not an interview is recorded depends on the County where the case is pending and at time on the whim of the individual in the office who the case is assigned to.

When objection is made to recording by voice recorder or court reporter the attorney is forced to rely on a note taker. If there is a dispute, at some later date, about what was said the defense is at a disadvantage because there is always the argument that the person recording the interview works for the defense attorney and will err in their favor. A recording removes this argument. It will also make the interview go much faster and save on costs.

I urge the adoption of the rule.

Allen Ressler
Ressler & Tesh PLLC
821 Second Avenue
Penthouse Suite
Seattle, WA 98104
T: 206-388-0333
F: 206-388-0197
www.resslertesh.com