

Faulk, Camilla

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To: Faulk, Camilla
Subject: CrR 4.11

Dear Ms. Faulk:

I am writing this in support of proposed CrR 4.11. Requiring that interviews be recorded saves everyone time, discomfort, and frustration. It cuts down on interview time because handwritten notes are not necessary. It prevents endless debate and/or direct and cross examination concerning what was actually said. It is extremely beneficial in resolving cases and limits witness testimony in cases that go to trial. A small recorder adds no intrusiveness to an interview of an alleged victim. Recording interviews can only benefit alleged victims as it reduces the length of interviews, it assists in resolution of cases avoiding testimony at trial in open court on a witness stand before a jury, and it reduces the amount of testimony should a matter proceed to trial. Lastly, it should make the interviewees more careful about what they say in the interviews.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Brinster