

Re: Comment in Support of Proposed Cr R 4.11

My name is Renee Alsept and I am an attorney who has been practicing in Washington for 21 years. I am currently a partner in The Law Firm of Alsept and Ellis doing appellate work and representing abused or neglected children. Previously, I worked at The Seattle King County Public Defender Association for 20 years. While practicing at The Defender, I was able to be involved in both criminal and civil cases.

I write in strong support of proposed CrR 4.11. Depositions in civil cases are "recorded" for the same reasons recordation should and must occur in criminal case interviews – it is important to know the truth and to have accurate statements.

Ironically, as I work on an appeal due in four weeks, I just read the following statement, made by a **30-year sheriff's detective**, in the transcript of an Attempted Murder trial: "Whenever we can tape-record an interview with a suspect or victim, it's advisable so we don't have to sit there and take notes, we can go ahead and just carry on a conversation one-on-one." RP Clark County, Detective Buckner, June 18, 2010, in Judge Melnick's court room.

Please understand that justice should not be one-sided and allow the defense to have the same ability to get an accurate witness statement as the prosecutors, the police and those involved in civil cases.

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