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April 30, 2015

The Honorable Charles Johnson
Washington State Supreme Court
Temple of Justice
415 12th Ave SW
PO Box 41174
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Comment on Suggested Amendments to Court Transcriptionist Rule Changes

Dear Justice Johnson:

Renee Townsley brought to my attention the *published* version of the “New Rule – Official Certified Superior Court Transcripts,” which modified the *original* version of the proposed rule submitted by the Case Management Committee (CMC). Ms. Townsley also shared her recent comments to the Supreme Court regarding this change with me. I agree with her position stated in that letter and write separately to urge the Supreme Court to adopt the rule in its *original* version from the CMC.

I have been the Court Clerk for Division 2 for 30+ years. Prior to that, I worked at AOC as a research analyst. At the AOC, one of my projects was to develop the time-in-process measures for the Court of Appeals that are still reported today. The impetus for that research was that many at the appellate courts felt that the time delay in the perfection process was due primarily to court reporters. Based on this experience, I am well aware of the challenges the appellate courts have experienced with respect to court reporters over the years. It was for this reason I agreed to participate in Ms. Townsley’s sub-committee. (It is noteworthy that because of my close proximity to retirement, I ordinarily leave the laboring oar of committee work to my younger counterparts) I agree with Ms. Townsley that the meetings were tedious but, in the end, very productive. Most importantly, I agree with her that the addition of the two words “or different” to the rule would unequivocally undermine the objective of the committee’s work and halt the advance of consistent quality trial court transcripts.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter. I also apologize for the lateness of this letter – Ms. Townsley and the other Clerks have kept me very busy with the CA-ECMS project.

Very truly yours,

David C. Ponzoha
Court Clerk

Tracy, Mary

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Here is another rule letter for you. ☺

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