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In RE: WSACC Comment on Proposed Changes to GR 18 - Jury Source List

Greetings to the honorable members of the Washington State Supreme Court Rules Committee.

The members of the Washington State Association of County Clerks reviewed the proposed changes to GR 18 at our recent business meeting on June 19th. Our members welcome the requirement that juror mailing addresses be drawn from the DOL records, for the obvious reason that we require the mailing address in order to summons jurors. This is a needed change to GR 18.

However, our members emphatically ask that GR 18 not incorporate specific language describing the process by which the jury source list will be provided to county courts. Naming the method of transfer limits present and future options unnecessarily.

- The current rule is silent as to the process by which the local courts will receive jury source lists. No changes are needed in order to allow secure electronic file transfer now.
- Courts would most likely want their vendors to access the list directly. Proposed language in the order does not seem to allow that.
- Courts may still wish to receive jury source list CD's, and although we have been assured that will be possible, the specificity of the proposed language in the order seems to preclude that accommodation.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

Kim Morrison, Chelan County Clerk
President, Washington State Association of County Clerks