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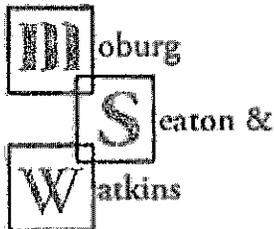
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Dear Members of the Supreme Court:

I have been a practicing freelance court reporter in this state for 25 years and a firm owner of Seattle's first established court reporting firm (established in 1928) since 2008. I am writing to ask you to please adopt CR28(d), (e), and CR30(b)(1) for all the reasons covered in the GR 9 cover pages. As a firm owner of one of Seattle's most prominent court reporting agencies, I strongly support that a court reporting agency needs to be impartial and provide equal financial terms to all to maintain their impartiality. Large nationwide CR companies are known to provide terms to one side in the exchange for mass volume of depositions and then shift the discounted costs to the other parties. How is that in any way unbiased? Not only are the nationwide firms contracting unfairly and not abiding by a CR's ethical duties, but by contracting and getting large jobs, a freelance court reporter trying to find her own work feels trapped to have to work for a lower rate for these nationwide companies in order to put food on her table. That CR has no idea what the nationwide company is charging the client for the transcript she must certify. She has no idea but is then tied in the loop of cost shifting when one side is charged less, or maybe not even charged at all for certain services while the other side is. I'm all for competitiveness but not at the expense fairness and being impartial. I appreciate your attention to this matter and the opportunity to be heard.

Kind regards,

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