

Dear Members of the Supreme Court,

We are writing as the shop stewards and official court reporters for King County Superior Court representing our members to address proposed Rule 80. We would like to request an amendment to the language to read:

80(d) Supplemental Stenographic Record. If the superior court elects to record a proceeding solely by means of an electronic recording device, any party to the proceeding may request that an official court reporter record the proceeding stenographically. Where a proceeding has been recorded both electronically and by an official court reporter, the official court reporter's record will be used to create the verbatim report of proceedings for appellate review under RAP 9.2.

The reason for the requested amendment is that not all officials are required to be certified court reporters and we believe the originally proposed language could lead attorneys to believe they need to hire an independent court reporter not employed by the court to report proceedings.

Pursuant to the below RCW, it is the duty of each official reporter to provide court reporting services (see below)

RCW 2.32.200

Duties of official reporter.

It shall be the duty of each official reporter appointed under RCW 2.32.180 through 2.32.310 to attend every term of the superior court in the county or judicial district for which he or she is appointed, at such times as the judge presiding may direct; and upon the trial of any cause in any court, if either party to the suit or action, or his or her attorney, request the services of the official reporter; the presiding judge shall grant such request, or upon his or her own motion such presiding judge may order a full report of the testimony, exceptions taken, and all other oral proceedings; in which case the official reporter shall cause accurate shorthand notes of the oral testimony, exceptions taken, and other oral proceedings had, to be taken, except when the judge and attorneys dispense with his or her services with respect to any portion of the proceedings therein, which notes shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court where such trial is had.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Shop Stewards, Kevin Moll, Michelle Vitrano

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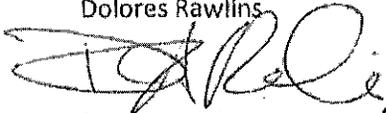
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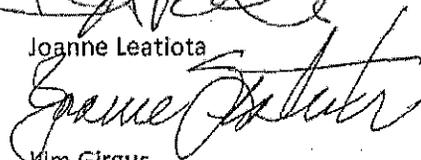
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Good morning,

Attached please find the Washington Court Reporters Association's comments on the proposed rule changes.

We are also attaching an amendment to the proposed change for Rule 80 submitted by the King County official reporters, including an additional signature page for the King County reporters who work at the Regional Justice Center in Kent. WCRA supports this amendment.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Patterson Harvey, CCR, RPR
President
Washington Court Reporters Association