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Clerk of the Supreme Court,

I am in support of the proposed amendment to RAP 3.4 (Title of Case and Designation of Parties) that will allow the use of a juvenile's initials in the caption as well as in the briefing and the opinion of juvenile offender appeals. This proposed amendment is necessary to supersede the general appellate court rule adopted over a year ago in all three divisions of the appellate court requiring the use of full names of juvenile offenders in appellate cases.

In 2014 the legislature required all juvenile records be administratively sealed upon the juvenile's eighteenth birthday, provided that the juvenile has met the terms and conditions of his or her disposition, and in the absence of any objection. RCW 13.50.260. Such administrative sealing will be rendered useless, if juvenile offender identities are routinely published online, as all appellate opinions are. In the interest of effectuating the policy enacted by the Legislature, and in the interest of enabling juveniles to be rehabilitated and reintegrate into their communities to lead productive lives.

Please adopt suggested amendments.

Thank you,

Marybeth

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