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Honorable Justices, I strongly urge you to adopt the proposed changes to the Criminal Rules. I've returned to Public Defense, after general and civil practice, with a fresh outlook that only serves to redouble my concern for fairness in our criminal justice system. One long-overdue way to address that concern is to provide clients quick access to their police reports. Explaining the current rules on this and the process delay can chip away at confidence in one's attorney.

I remember attending a NACDL conference in Georgia some years ago and feeling that I must be from the more progressive state, because we were in the Deep South. But it was my Southern colleagues who had to choke down a guffaw when I told them about my native Washington's roadblocks between a client and their police report!

I am confident we shall do better for our citizens and thank you for your commitment.

Sincerely,

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