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RE: Proposed General Rule 38

Justices of the Supreme Court:

For reasons stated, I oppose the adoption of proposed General Rule 38 and urge the Court to reject it.

Some reasons to reject the proposed rule include:

- there is no demonstrated need for this rule:
  - Washington's Code of Judicial Conduct 2.3 requires a judge to ensure proper conduct and prohibit bias, prejudice or harassment in court proceedings;
  - RPC 8.4 (g)&(h) prohibits lawyers from engaging in "discriminatory acts" and "conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice;"
- it is an unconstitutional content-based speech restriction and infringes upon the First Amendment rights of litigants and their counsel;
- it is unconstitutionally overbroad and vague.

I have reviewed the comment letter previously filed by Angus Lee dated August 27, 2018, agree with, reiterate and adopt the arguments made by Mr. Lee.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

Yvonne K. Chapman

**Tracy, Mary**

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Attached is my comment opposing proposed GR 38.

Respectfully,

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