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April 29, 2019

Honorable Charles W. Johnson
Supreme Court Rules Committee
c/o Clerk of the Supreme Court
Temple of Justice
PO Box 40929
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RE: Comment on WSBA proposal to CrRLJ 4.4

Dear Justice Johnson and Members of the Rules Committee:

The District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) Board of Governors (Board) has reviewed the Washington State Bar Association's (WSBA's) proposal to amend CrRLJ 4.4, pertaining to severance of offenses and defendants, which was published for comment by the Washington State Supreme Court with a comment deadline of April 30, 2019.

The DMCJA supports the proposed amendment.

The proposed amendments are intended to mirror suggested amendments to the analogous Superior Court rules and to clarify references to other rule subsections. The Board has determined that the proposed changes to CrRLJ 4.4 will help clarify existing rule language.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this comment.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judge Rebecca Robertson
DMCJA President

cc: Judge Jeffrey Goodwin, DMCJA Rules Committee Chair
Ms. Shannon Hinchcliffe, AOC
Ms. J Benway, AOC

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Dear Clerk:

Attached please find District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) comments regarding the following proposed rules:

1. Opposition to Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (WACDL) Proposals
 - a. CrRLJ 3.7, Recording Interrogations
 - b. CrRLJ 3.8, Recording Eyewitness Identification Procedure
 - c. CrRLJ 3.9, In-Court Eyewitness Identification
 - d. CrRLJ 4.11, Recording Witness Interviews
 - e. Amendments to CrRLJ 4.7, Discovery
2. Support for Washington Defenders' Association (WDA) Proposal to CrRLJ 3.1
3. Support for Washington Bar Association (WSBA) Proposal to CrRLJ 4.4

Comments are provided in Word and PDF versions for your convenience. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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