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September 28, 2020

Washington Supreme Court
P.O. Box 40929
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Re: Support of WSBA Rule Change to Reduce Barriers to Access
For Emeritus ProBono License Status (APR 1, APR 3, and GR 24)

Dear Justices,

I write today to urge you to approve of the rule changes proposed by the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) on July 24, 2020, to reduce barriers to access for Emeritus Pro Bono license status in Washington Admission and Practice (APR) and General Rules (GR): APR 1, APR 3, and GR 24.

At Amazon, we partner with community organizations and law firms around the world to offer a wide variety of volunteer pro bono opportunities to members of our legal department. I believe the provision of legal services to those unable to pay is not just an ethical obligation of all bar members; it is an opportunity to serve and learn about our community, and by extension our customers, in new and meaningful ways. Pro bono legal services are also critical to helping to close the justice gap, in Washington and elsewhere, and those services are needed now more than ever in the face of the challenges of a global pandemic.

For these reasons, I support the proposed changes to the WSBA Emeritus Pro Bono licensing requirements. Reducing barriers to increase the number of attorneys who can provide pro bono legal services in Washington is more important than ever. Retired and inactive members of the bar can provide valuable assistance to those in need. Removal of financial barriers and the 5/10 rule would increase the pool of competent and experienced attorneys, both in western Washington and for clients who reside in rural areas of the state.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DAZ', written in a cursive style.

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Hi,

Attached and below is my enthusiastic expression of support for the proposed changes to APR 1, APR3, and GR 24 that would reduce the barriers for emeritus bar members to contribute pro bono legal services.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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