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Dear Chief Justice Madsen and Justices of the Court:

I am writing to express my support for proposed changes to APR 3 permitting limited licensure of military spouse attorneys in Washington. I believe the proposed changes are well-considered.

US military families are subjected to heavy burdens from frequent moves around the world. This is particularly challenging for military spouses attempting to develop a professional career while their spouses change duty stations on a regular basis in order to support national security and contingency operations. Addressing this problem may be one reason why 33 states already enable military spouse licensure. Washington should join these states to support our men and women in uniform, and their families.

I'm a 21 year US Navy Veteran. I've practiced law for 19 years, 11 of those years as a member of the Washington State Bar. I've also worked closely with the National Veterans Services Program (NVLSP) representing wounded Veterans and their families, and I've been Microsoft's representative to the Washington State Initiative on Diversity. In my experience, attorney admission by motion has helped contribute to the growth and diversity of our Bar. I expect that extension of Bar membership to military spouses who have practiced elsewhere in good standing will increase diversity and provide additional legal resources to address unmet representation needs throughout our State.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of my comments and ask for your approval of the proposed APR 3 changes.

Very truly yours

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