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Dear Washington Supreme Court,

I support the proposed change to APR 3 allowing limited licensure of military spouse attorneys in Washington. As a veteran, I am concerned that military families are subject to increased burdens from frequent moves around the country. Anything Washington can due to support military family professional licensure I support. These changes will help bring Washington in line with the 33 other states that adjust military spouse licensure.

The changes proposed are a good idea for the state, our communities, and military families. In my experience, attorney admission by motion has helped contribute to the legal profession and its diversity. I expect expansion will further help reduce the percentage of legal needs going unmet in Washington.

I would also support any other measures that can reduce the cost and delay in obtaining admission by motion for military spouses.

I am an attorney licensed in Texas, working in Washington for Microsoft, and my own admission by motion application is pending with the WSBA. I would gladly give priority to a military spouse's application over my own.

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Respectfully, Matthew A. Henry