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**Subject:** Support For Proposed Changes to APR 3

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. 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 have practiced law as a member of the Washington State Bar for more than 40 years – first as a litigation partner in a Seattle law firm and since 1995 as a senior member of the legal department at Microsoft Corporation. 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 in 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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