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December 24, 2018

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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: Support for Superior Court Judges' Association Amendment to
CJC 2.9**

Dear Justice Johnson and Members of the Rules Committee:

The District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) Board of Governors (Board) has reviewed the Superior Court Judges' Association's (SCJA's) proposed amendment to Code of Judicial Conduct (CJC) 2.9, which was published for comment by the Washington State Supreme Court with a comment deadline of December 24, 2018.

The DMCJA supports the proposed amendment.

This proposed change to CJC 2.9 would make it easier for court staff to gather information from a defendant for the sole purpose of setting appropriate release conditions tailored to a defendant's specific needs. This is especially helpful in Washington State's many therapeutic courts, and the practice of court conducted pre-trial release interviews will hopefully result in less defendants held on bail.

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

Tracy, Mary

From: OFFICE RECEPTIONIST, CLERK
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2018 10:34 AM
To: Tracy, Mary
Subject: FW: DMCJA Comment - Support for CJC 2.9 Proposed Amendments
Attachments: DMCJA Support for CJC 2.9 Amendments.pdf

I told her I forwarded the last email and got this as a response. I didn't know if you would need this as well.

From: Harvey, Sharon
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2018 10:32 AM
To: OFFICE RECEPTIONIST, CLERK <SUPREME@COURTS.WA.GOV>
Cc: 'Goodwin, Jeffrey' <Jeffrey.Goodwin@snoco.org>; Harvey, Sharon <Sharon.Harvey@courts.wa.gov>; Hinchcliffe, Shannon <Shannon.Hinchcliffe@courts.wa.gov>; Benway, Jennifer <Jennifer.Benway@courts.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: DMCJA Comment - Support for CJC 2.9 Proposed Amendments

Dear Clerk:

Thank you for accepting the DMCJA letter supporting SCJA proposed amendments to CJC 2.9. For your reference, attached please find the following:

Signed copy of DMCJA Support Letter for CJC 2.9 Proposed Amendments

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you and have a wonderful day!

Sincerely,

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To: Harvey, Sharon <Sharon.Harvey@courts.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: DMCJA Comment - Support for CJC 2.9 Proposed Amendments

Your comments have been forwarded.

Thank you,

Receptionist
Supreme Court Clerk's Office

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From: Harvey, Sharon

Sent: Monday, December 24, 2018 10:17 AM

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Subject: DMCJA Comment - Support for CJC 2.9 Proposed Amendments

Dear Clerk:

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DMCJA Support Letter re SCJA Proposed Amendments to CJC 2.9

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