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April 17, 2020

Justice Charles Johnson
Chair of the Supreme Court Rules Committee
Washington Supreme Court
PO Box 40929
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

Re: Comments on Proposed Changes to CR30 by WCRA

Dear Justice Johnson:

My name is Greg Glover and on behalf of my company I submit to you my comments on the proposed changes to CR30 by WCRA.

While I support the administration of oaths in remote depositions, I must object to the WCRA's proposal, as written, as a thinly veiled anti-competitive move to limit competition in the state.

There is a total of 452 Washington certified court reporters, and 143 of them reside outside the state of Washington. A great many of these WA CCRs reside in border cities in Oregon and Idaho, serving their clients inside and outside of the state. Just like the WA CCRs who reside in the state, these court reporters follow the same rules, pay the same fees, and worked to pass the same testing to become WA CCR. To limit these WA CCRs' abilities to provide remote deposition services because of where they live and force them to travel to the state is unfair.

WCRA states that their proposed rule change would reduce travel time, lower costs, and increase court reporter availability in underserved areas. If WCRA's proposal is adopted, without change, the new rule would restrict almost 1/3 of the total number of WA CCRs from providing remote deposition services. This decrease, along with the 75 or so official reporters who do not do depositions, would limit CCR availability and increase costs to the client.

WCRA has also stated that the BIIA (*WAC 263-12-117(2)*) and the state of Oregon (*ORCP 38 & 39*) allows for the administration of oaths remotely. This is true. However, both the BIIA and Oregon did not make it mandatory for the officer to be "located" in the state, as proposed by WCRA.

Why not adopt language that would be inclusive of all WA CCRs? The language in *WAC 263-12-117(2)* would serve WCRA's stated purpose and include all officers who can administer oaths in Washington State.

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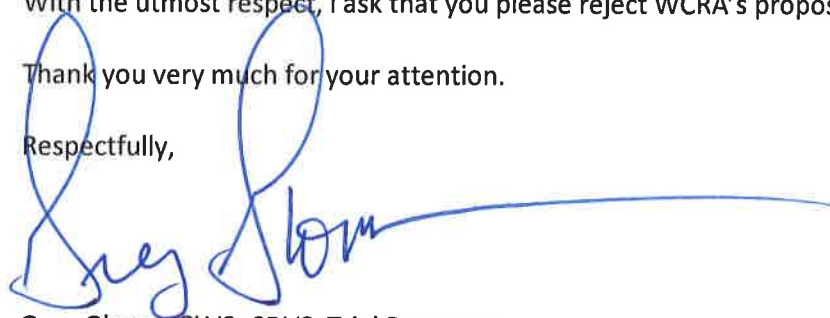
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In summary, it is my humble opinion that the way WCRA has written their proposed change to CR30 would severely stifle court reporter availability, increase costs, and unfairly limit competition from border WA CCRs by requiring them to be located within the boundaries of the state to administer oaths.

With the utmost respect, I ask that you please reject WCRA's proposal to change CR30, as written.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Glover", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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To the Clerk of the Court:

Please find attached my comments on the proposed amendments to CR30 by WCRA.

I will also be sending it by U.S. Mail.

Thank You,

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