

February 1, 2020

To Whom it may Concern,

My name is Jaine Krishnamachari and I support the passage of the Rules of Professional Conduct – RPC 4.4 COMMENTARY AMENDMENT which will protect the rights of immigrants in our state. No one should be afraid that their immigration status prevents them from seeking justice, whether as a victim of crime or otherwise. All people should have free and open access to Washington courts regardless of immigration status.

Attorneys should not be divulging information that facilitates the arrest of an individual regardless of their immigration status. If an attorney is seen as an extension of the federal immigration system, non-citizens are less likely to go for their court appearance, file protection orders, appear as witnesses, etc., ultimately undermining access to our court system and trust in our judicial system. For attorneys to be sharing information with ICE/CBP officers to facilitate immigration courthouse arrests is unethical to a fair system of justice that is meant to protect all of us.

Immigrants must be able to feel secure that attorneys can be trusted to keep one's immigration status confidential. Therefore, I implore you to support the passage of Rules of Professional Conduct – RPC 4.4 Commentary Amendment. Immigration status or perceived immigration status should not be leveraged against anyone.

Respectfully,

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Please find attached copies of letters voicing my support of General Rule 38 and RCP4.4 Commentary Amendment.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of these most important issues.

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