



Hon. Debra Stephens, Chief Justice
Hon. Charles Johnson, Chair
Washington State Supreme Court Rules Committee
415 12th Ave, SW
Olympia, WA 98510-0929

Re: Proposed General Rule 38 and Proposed Amendment to RPC 4.4

February 3, 2020

Dear Chief Justice Stephens and Justice Johnson,

I'm writing as the Executive Director of Legal Counsel for Youth and Children (LCYC) to encourage the Supreme Court to adopt proposed General Rule 38 and the proposed amendments to comment 4 of the RPC 4.4.

LCYC strives to improve the well-being of young people by advancing their legal rights. We accomplish our mission through direct legal representation, strong community partnerships, and systemic advocacy. We provide direct legal services to over 600 young people annually through four main programs: child welfare, juvenile court, youth and family immigration, and youth homelessness. LCYC advocates for young people regardless of their immigration status or citizenship. We support young people who are not US citizens through all of our direct service programs. We also provide educational resources to parents who are at risk of arrest by Immigration and Customs Enforcement so that they can meaningfully plan for their children's custodial needs if they are arrested and separated from their children.

In consideration of all the children and families we support, LCYC endorses the proposed rule and amendments. Access to justice in Washington State cannot be limited based upon where an individual who interacts with our courts was born. From LCYC staff experiences advocating for young people, we can confirm that barriers to accessing the legal system have direct negative implications upon the health and safety of children in Washington. It is imperative that the courts are welcoming and safe for all people, so that everyone may be heard, and so that justice prevails.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin L. Lovell", written in a cursive style.

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Thank you for considering the attached comments from Legal Counsel for Youth and Children.

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