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The Clerk of the Supreme Court
P.O. Box 40929,
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RE: Comment on Suggested Amendment to Washington Superior Court Civil Rule 71

To Whom it May Concern:

It has recently come to my attention that the Superior Court Judges' Association has submitted a suggested amendment to Superior Court Civil Rule 71 that would, in part, authorize judges to deny attorney withdrawals that are submitted less than 90 days prior to trial.

I have reviewed the comments and letters previously submitted by other attorneys and organizations that address substantial concerns related to the proposed amendment's practical effects on lawyers and clients alike and I fully agree with their points and positions. Specifically, I feel it is extremely important to reiterate that this proposed amendment would likely increase costs and legal fees, delay court proceedings by requiring additional hearings and potential motion practice, prejudice both clients and attorneys by forcing attorneys to continue with representation, and create conflicts with the Rules of Professional Conduct and potentially the Constitution.

This proposed amendment lacks any consideration of the wide array of circumstances surrounding an attorney withdrawal and fails to address the serious economic concerns it produces. In all, I am opposed to the portion of the proposed amendment to CR 71 that would restrict attorneys from withdrawing from a case within 90 days of trial. Such proposed amendment is not in the best interests of clients nor attorneys and it is unclear how these changes would accomplish the purported goals.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jesse D. Conway
Attorney at Law

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Dear Clerk of the Supreme Court, please see the attached and a hard copy will follow by regular mail.

Thank you in advance for your courtesies.

Cordially yours,

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