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April 30, 2021

**VIA EMAIL**

Honorable Charles W. Johnson  
Supreme Court Rules Committee  
c/o Clerk of the Supreme Court  
Temple of Justice  
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RE: Comment on Proposed New GR 39 [LFO]

Dear Justice Johnson and Members of the Rules Committee:

On behalf of the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA), I am writing to support adoption of proposed new General Rule 39 addressing legal financial obligations (LFOs).

The DMCJA agrees with the proponents' statements in the GR 9 cover sheet that this rule change would simplify and streamline the process for requesting LFO relief already available under statute and rule. For this reason, the DMCJA supports the proposal, with the request that enough time be provided prior to adoption to allow for the development of a pattern form as required by the rule.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judge Michelle K. Gehlsen  
DMCJA President

cc: Judge Jeffrey Goodwin, DMCJA Rules Chair  
Ms. J Benway, DMCJA Rules Staff

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Greetings,

Please see the attached draft rule comment letters, sent on behalf of Judge Michelle Gehlsen, DMCJA President.

Thank you,

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