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Dear Justices:

I am a 2013 graduate of the University of Washington Law School. I now work as an Assistant Public Defender in Anchorage, Alaska. I am writing in support of the expansion of APR 9 to allow 2Ls enrolled in clinics to practice with clinical faculty supervision in Washington State Courts.

During my time at UW Law, I was enrolled in the Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic as a 3L. The experience of representing clients was one of the most valuable and rewarding aspects of my law school education, and it was what best prepared me for my current job. I believe that law students would benefit from having that “real world” legal experience that clinics provide earlier in their law school education. This change would not only benefit law students, but also the Washington legal community and beyond.

Sincerely,  
Justin Gillette