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Dear Justices,

I am a 2008 graduate of the University of Washington Law School employed as Counsel, Business Immigration at the Seattle firm of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP. 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. As a 3L, I was fully prepared to represent our clients through the combination of classroom teaching and supervisory meetings with my clinical faculty member. The 2Ls in our clinic received the same level of instruction and supervision as I and yet were unable to fully participate. I believe that our clients would have been best served and our learning experience enriched by the full participation of 2Ls.

With recent legislative changes requiring appointment of counsel for all children 8 years of age and older in Washington dependency proceedings, it is more important than ever that law students be educated to meet this legal need. Having 2Ls be able to fully participate in clinics like CAYAC will not only provide students with improved educational opportunities, but it will also help to meet growing unmet legal needs.

Thank you for considering adoption of the proposed change to the rule .

Regards,

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