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Dear Justices:

I am a 2020 graduate of the University of Washington Law School. 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 2L. It was the most valuable experience of law school. As a 2L, I was not able to sign off on pleadings or appear in court to represent the clients I served with my 3L student partner. I wish the opportunity to fully participate had been available to me. My partner and I both met for supervision with our faculty member, attended the same classes to prepare, and mooted our hearings together. While I learned a lot from this experience, I would have benefitted so much more had I been able to fully engage with the courts as we advocated for our clients.

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.

I hope you consider these proposed changes.

Thank you,

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*"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel." -Maya Angelou*