

Dear Supreme Court Rules Committee,

The Superior Court Judges' Equality and Fairness Committee supports the adoption of the proposed amendments to GR 26, which would mandate education on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the judicial system.

One of the charges of the SCJA's Equality and Fairness Committee is to *participate in the design of Association educational programs concerned with issues of diversity and gender*. For many years, the Committee has developed and sponsored several educational events centering diversity at the SCJA Spring Conferences. These issues are central and of the utmost importance to the work of the judiciary in ensuring that those that come before the courts are being treated fairly and equitably. Recent events have called for an even greater commitment from the judicial branch to take action to address systemic inequities, and we believe that the proposal to make diversity, equity, and inclusion credits mandatory for continued judicial education is an important step in the right direction.

The SCJA Equality and Fairness Committee will continue to participate in providing education that will help fulfil the educational requirements if GR 26 were to be implemented, and we strongly encourage the Supreme Court Rules Committee to adopt the proposed change.

Thank you,

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Co-Chair, SCJA Equality and Fairness
Pierce County Superior Court

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Dear Clerk of the Supreme Court,

Please see attached comments from the SCJA Equality and Fairness Committee.

- Comment in support of GR 26
- Comment in support of CJC 2.3

Thank you,

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