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RE: Order Number 25700-A-1407, proposed new GR [42] and associated proposed amendments to CrR 3.1, CrRLJ 3.1, and JuCR 9.2

To the Clerk of the Supreme Court:

The Northwest Justice Project is the largest publicly funded legal aid program in Washington state. NJP provides critical civil legal assistance and representation to thousands of low-income people in cases affecting basic human needs such as family safety and security, housing preservation, protection of income, access to health care, education and other basic needs.

NJP routinely provides assistance to unrepresented litigants. We understand that judicial officers want to ensure meaningful access to justice for unrepresented litigants in cases that come before them. The proposed new rule [GR 42] and the proposed amendments to CrR 3.1, CrRLJ 3.1, and JuCR 9.2 should be adopted. These changes clarify what judicial officers may do in service of fair and impartial justice in the cases that come before them. We recommend their adoption.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Abigail G. Daquiz'.

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Please see the attached letter in support of the new rule, GR 42, and proposed amendments to CrR 3.1, CrRLJ 3.1, and JuCR 9.2. Thank you for your consideration.

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