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April 19, 2021

Honorable Susan L. Carlson
Clerk of the Supreme Court
P.O. Box 40929
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

Sent via email: supreme@courts.wa.gov

Re: WSBA Pro Bono and Public Service Committee's Comment on Proposed Amendments to APR 11

Dear Clerk Carlson:

I am writing to share the Washington State Bar Association's Pro Bono and Public Service Committee's comment regarding proposed amendments in APR 11, which requires that one of the required ethics credits be in the category of equity, inclusion and the mitigation of bias. The Committee's comments on the amendments are attached. Their position has been approved by our Board of Governors.

The WSBA Pro Bono and Public Service Committee works to enhance a culture of service by promoting opportunities and best practices that encourage WSBA members to engage in pro bono and public service with a particular focus on services to underserved low and moderate income people.

The Committee appreciates the Court's consideration of this comment.

Sincerely,



Terra Nevitt
Executive Director

cc: Kyle Sciuchetti, President, Washington State Bar Association

Nicholas Larson, Co-Chair, WSBA Pro Bono and Public Service Committee

Bonnie Rosinbum, Co-Chair, WSBA Pro Bono and Public Service Committee



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To: Washington State Supreme Court

From: Nicholas Larson and Bonnie Rosinbum, Co-Chairs, WSBA Pro Bono and Public Service Committee

CC: WSBA President Kyle Sciuchetti
Terra Nevitt, WSBA Executive Director
Diana Singleton, WSBA Staff Liaison to the Pro Bono and Public Service Committee

Date: March 26, 2021

Re: *Comment in Support of the MCLE Board's Suggested Amendments to Admission to Practice Rule 11*

The WSBA Pro Bono and Public Service Committee would like to express its strong support of the MCLE Board's suggestion of amending APR 11 to require each licensed legal professional to complete at least one (1) ethics credit in the topic of equity, inclusion and the mitigation of bias per three-year MCLE reporting period.

The Pro Bono and Public Service Committee recognizes that inequality and inequity remain steadfastly embedded in the foundations of the American legal system, resulting in longstanding and continuing systematic denials of justice to large portions of our community. This committee recognizes further that remedying such injustice will not simply occur as a result of mere good intentions or a continuation of the status quo, but will require proactive engagement and effort by the very legal professionals who are the front-line practitioners and gatekeepers of justice in our state. The Pro Bono and Public Service Committee believes that mandatory education about equity, inclusion, and bias for every Washington legal professional is a critical component of this effort.

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you,
Diana Singleton



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