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Dear Court,

I write to oppose proposed amendments to CR 39 and GR 41.

I am a public defender who exclusively handles adult felony cases. Trial by jury is not a made-for-television exercise. Nothing is more important to achieving "justice" than having jurors sitting down together, in the presence of the accused and witnesses, to fully discharge their important duty.

Letters from Dan Bridges and Chris Van Vechten printed in the November 2021 edition of the WSBA Bar News are spot on. I endorse their comments and urge rejection of these proposed rule changes.

If these changes are adopted, there must be an exception for criminal defendants to be able to demand in-person voir dire.

Thank you!

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