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Justices –

I oppose Proposed GR 41. Once again, King County is attempting to foist what is convenient for that area on people across the state. Not all jurisdictions have the same technological capabilities as those in King County, including access to reliable internet and funding for devices for the jury. More concerning is that the court is dehumanizing those bringing matters before a jury. An image on a screen is not the real person. Our reliance on television has desensitized many to what is occurring. It is very possible to watch something on a screen and not have the full impact. More importantly you cannot read full body language when using video: the various physical responses that a person may have to a question cannot be fully observed. Further, people tune out: while their face is present, their mind can be anywhere (think of every Zoom meeting you've attended). Should the court adopt a rule such as this, it should be contingent upon the express agreement of both parties and the court. The Supreme Court should not force a person who wants to view the jury panel in person to be relegated to virtual voir dire.

Thank you.



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