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Superior Court Judges' Association - Civil Law and Rules Committee

Date: February 8, 2022

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Re: Proposed Amendment to GR 23 Certification of Professional Guardians
Proposed Amendment to GR 31 Access to Juvenile Records

Dear Justices Johnson and Yu:

The Superior Court Judges' Association Civil Law and Rules Committee generally supports the proposed amended GR 23, as it would allow more professional guardians to serve on the Certified Professional Guardian Board, thereby enhancing Board expertise, and promote accountability and public confidence in the Board by making Board meetings subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. Our Committee's only concern was that Board members may need training on OPMA requirements (e.g., notice, administration, etc.) to ensure compliance.

With respect to GR 31, the Committee supports the goal of protecting children by limiting access to juvenile records, but believes the rule language should be modified to more clearly articulate *what* juvenile records are within the rule's scope (e.g. all juvenile records (see subsection (g)(2) or juvenile offender records only (see subsection (d)(2))).

Thank you for your consideration; and should you have any questions or require additional information from the Committee, please feel free to contact me. The Superior Court Judges' Association's Board of Trustees has approved this comment.

Yours truly,

Judge Shelly Speir-Moss, Chair
SCJA Civil Law and Rules Committee

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2/8/2022: Good afternoon. I am the AOC staffer for the Superior Court Judges' Association's Civil Law & Rules Committee. The Committee respectfully submits the attached comment to the Supreme Court Rules Committee for its consideration. This comment has been approved by the SCJA Board of Trustees. Thank you; and should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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