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**RE: Order Number 25700-A-1376: Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 2.5 - Circumstances Which May Affect Scope of Review**

Dear Ms. Lennon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the Rules of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 2.5. We support the proposed amendment that would replace the term “meretricious relationship” with “committed intimate relationship,” consistent with Washington Supreme Court case law disapproving of that term. As with a number of the rule changes under current consideration, we support efforts to make the legal profession more inclusive and less biased with the goal of providing justice in its truest sense for all. This proposed amendment fits with the goals of these proposals to promote inclusivity, the elimination of bias, and a respectful courtroom setting that benefits all Washingtonians.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Lennon,

Attached are ten letters regarding the various proposed rules published for comment.

Thank you,

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