



WASHINGTON COURTS

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Honorable Charles W. Johnson, Co-Chair
Honorable Mary I. Yu, Co-Chair
Washington State Supreme Court Rules Committee
Temple of Justice
P.O. Box 40929
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

RE: Comment in Support of Amendments to GR 31, Section (e) and Section (g)

Dear Justices Johnson and Yu:

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) supports the JISC's proposed amendments to GR 31(e)(2) and GR 31(g) adding the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) as an entity not responsible for redactions and content in published court documents.

GR 31(e)(2) – Adds AOC as an entity not responsible for redactions.

The responsibility for redacting these personal identifiers rests solely with counsel and the parties. The Court, or the Clerk, and the Administrative Office of the Courts will not review each pleading for compliance with this rule.

GR 31(g) – Adds a statement that AOC is not responsible for the content of court documents published through the statewide Judicial Information Systems.

These changes will help to specify the roles and limitations of the AOC regarding the content of documents filed in the courts and made available through AOC applications.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn Marie Rubio".

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