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We support CrR/RLJ 4.11. We must preserve CrR/RLJ 3.4.

Dear Colleagues:

Please join us in supporting CrR/RLJ 4.11. Please understand that we must preserve CrR/RLJ 3.4.

Here is the reasoning for our strong support:

- CrR/RLJ 3.4 has created substantial efficiency for courts and litigants because routine continuance requests can be processed without a hearing, saving significant resources and time for all parties. Defendants no longer need to take time off of work and lose income or arrange childcare costs to attend hearings that are then continued. Indigent and BIPOC defendants and their families in particular disproportionately bear these costs. This proposal will ensure the continued successful implementation of CrR/RLJ 3.4.
- The rule proposal avoids putting defense counsel in the position of becoming a witness regarding whether their client received notice of a hearing
- The rule proposal is limited only to circumstances where notice of a court hearing was provided by defense counsel. If the court has otherwise provided actual notice to the defendant of the hearing, the notice requirement is satisfied.

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