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I support the proposed amendment to RPC 1.8(e) to permit Washington lawyers to pay litigation expenses of indigent clients. In addition to the important humanitarian reasons persuasively articulated by those who have already submitted comments, I note that other jurisdictions already permit their lawyers to provide such support.

I serve on the firm-wide Pro Bono Committee of Foster Garvey P.C. In addition to Seattle, our firm has offices in Portland, New York City, and Washington D.C. Under RPC 1.8(e)(2) in Oregon, RPC 1.8(e)(2) in New York, and RPC 1.8(d) in the District of Columbia, my colleagues in other offices are able to pay litigation costs for their indigent clients. I am eager to be able to support my indigent clients in the same way.

Respectfully,

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