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Dear Justice Johnson and Justice Yu:

Re: Suggested Changes to GR 43 – Personal Pronouns

The Superior Court Judges' Association's (SCJA) Equality and Fairness Committee reviewed the proposed new rule, GR 43. This proposed rule allows any individual's personal pronoun to be indicated in the text of filed court documents. It will also allow a signing attorney or party the option to indicate their personal pronouns in the signature block and on the title page of filed documents. These changes allow people to choose how they want to be identified and provide the courts with the information needed to assist us in recognizing people as they want to be identified. This new rule will increase precision and accuracy in court filings and promotes a sense of belonging in our courthouses by acknowledging and respecting the identity of the persons who appear before us. The SCJA supports proposed new rule GR 43.

Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Judge Jennifer Forbes, President
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cc: SCJA Board of Trustees
Ms. Allison Lee Muller

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Good morning,

Please see the attached comment letters from the Superior Court Judges' Association regarding proposed changes to CR 4.11 and CR 4.12, CR 26, CR 65, GR 43, and RAP 18.7.

Thank you,

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