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RE: WACDL supports proposed changes to CrRLJ 7.4 and CrRLJ 7.5

Dear Justices:

The Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (WACDL) supports the proposed changes to CrRLJ 7.4 and CrRLJ 7.5.

Changing the time limit for filing these motions from 5 days to 10 days, to match the superior court rule, is a welcome amendment to an unnecessarily strict rule.

To the defense bar, the most important amendment grants municipal and district court judges the authority to enlarge the strict time limits for filing these motions. While managing heavy caseloads, we frequently need time flexibility in order to prepare the highest quality pleadings. This leads to more informed rulings, which often translates to an improved outcome for the clients.

Sincerely,

/s/ Emily Gause

Emily Gause  
WACDL Court Rules Committee Co-Chair

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am submitting three letters, attached to this email, to the Supreme Court Rules Committee on behalf of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (and one co-signed by ACLU of Washington). The letters contain comments on rule proposals with a comment deadline of April 30, 2023.

I would appreciate confirmation of receipt.

Thank you!

Warm regards,

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