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Good afternoon,

Attached please find correspondence from Bergman Oslund Udo Little, PLLC regarding the above referenced matter.

Thank you,



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Re: Opposition to Proposed Changes to CR 28 & CR 30 (Order No. 25700-A-1501)

Dear Clerk of Supreme Court,

We write to join the opposition to Byers & Anderson's ("B&A") proposed changes to Civil Rules 28 and 30 – Person Before Whom Depositions May Be Taken – submitted on March 13, 2024 by the Stritmatter firm. Our cases – many of which are filed on behalf of people with terminal cancer – often require the taking of more than 15 depositions. Forcing litigants to retain videographers, rather than leaving that decision to the parties, would significantly increase the costs of litigation for our clients and reduce their recoveries. The existing Civil Rules impose the necessary safeguards to protect the integrity of the record and prevent any alleged impropriety in videorecording. B&A fails to offer any support for its claim that attorneys and law firms are "exploiting" the rules to the detriment of the record and the system at large. Instead, B&A's proposed self-serving changes would only line the pockets of court reporting firms to the detriment of injured people seeking redress in our Civil Justice system.

Very truly yours,

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