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To the Court,

I urge the Court to adopt proposed RAP 18.25, requiring the use of initials for children and adult sexual assault victims. Crime victims' rights are enshrined in our state constitution, and the Legislature has expressed its intent to protect crime victims' privacy, yet the most intimate details of their victimization are just a Google search away because some attorneys insist on using their full names in their appellate briefs. Including the full names of children and the victims of sexual violence in publicly available briefs serves no legitimate legal purpose; it only serves to cause embarrassment, revictimization, trauma, and even threats to their safety. If a child is raped by a juvenile—which happens more frequently than most people realize—why should the offender's privacy be protected by the use of initials, yet the victim's is not?

In sum, there is no valid reason to reject this proposed rule, and every reason to adopt it. I respectfully ask the Court to do so.

Sincerely,  
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