

Re: Order No. 25700-A-1529

In the Matter of Proposed New RAP 18.25 Use of Initials – When Required

The Court of Appeals Rules Committee writes to comment on the proposed new RAP 18.25 regarding use of initials. It is the position of the Rules Committee that a uniform system for use of initials in cases involving minors and victims of sexual abuse is appropriate. However, the proposed rule is incomplete as it does not address general civil matters. It is not uncommon for minors to be witnesses in civil cases or for civil cases to involve allegations of sexual abuse. The interests in limiting online exposure to vulnerable populations extends beyond criminal and civil commitment cases. Furthermore, it is the position of the Rules Committee that a broader rule should be drafted with the input from the vulnerable populations that we seek to protect.

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Attached is a comment from the Court of Appeals Rules Committee regarding the proposed new rule RAP 18.25.

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