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Good afternoon.

Please see the attached comment letters on behalf of the Superior Court Judges' Association. The proposed rules we are commenting at this time are:

- APR 11
- GALR 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7
- RAP 18.25
- CrR 4.7
- CrR 8.3
- CR 26
- CR 28 & 30
- CrR 3.4, CR 1, CR 7, CR 26, CR 30, CR 39, CR 43, CR 45, GR 11.3, and JuCR 11.23 (Remote Proceedings)

Thank you,  
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Honorable Charles W. Johnson, Chair

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Supreme Court Rules Committee

c/o Clerk of the Supreme Court

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Dear Justice Johnson and Justice Yu:

Re: Suggested Changes to RAP 18.25


The Superior Court Judges' Association's (SCJA) Family and Juvenile Law Committee (FJLC) reviewed the proposed new Rule of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 18.25. This rule requires that minor victims of certain sexual offenses shall be referred to by their initials in all documents filed for the public record in criminal proceedings and civil commitment actions.

The SCJA supports this rule. This rule brings consistency among the three divisions of the Court of Appeals (COA). Currently, all three COA divisions have different rules regarding the use of names and/or initials for victims of sexual assault. This rule would also protect the privacy of those individuals.

Interestingly, the rule does not apply in any non-criminal proceedings, except civil commitment actions. The SCJA would suggest that the proposed rule cover all actions – both civil and criminal – where a victim of sexual assault is referenced.

Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

  
Samuel Chung, President  
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