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Dear Court:

The proposed revisions to CR 30 should be amended as follows for the following reasons:

The proposed addition of (7)(B) should state specifically that the party may attend the remote deposition. It has always been the rule that a party may attend a deposition, and the exclusion of the party from the language may cause disagreements with the inexperienced attorneys.

Additionally, under part (7)(B) it is very difficult to have all people in the room remain audible and visible if there are three or four people in the room, such as party, attorney, deponent and interpreter. That would require 4 laptops or a technology set-up most attorneys do not have. This should state that the party deponent and the attorneys shall remain audible and visible, unless you want it to look like the scene in the movie Step Brothers where one person is sitting behind the other.

I have done civil trial work in Yakima for over 34 years. These changes would make it easier to provide reasonable clarification to meet the proposed rule's requirements without changing the purpose of the revision. Let me know if you have questions.

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