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Hello:

We are writing to support adoption of OPD's proposed amendment to RAP 9.6.

As appeal attorneys, we cannot be effective without access to the entire court file, including exhibits shown to the jury. We never request tangible items like drugs or guns, but we always need to review documents, photos, audio, and video that were introduced into evidence.

When these requests are made of local courts, we often encounter a clerk who can not or will not provide the materials. Significant resources are then expended to address the issue or get materials that are not copies of the actual exhibits. But reviewing exactly what the jury or judge was shown is the best way for us to provide effective assistance.

Thank you.

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