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Clerk of the Supreme Court  
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Re: Order No. 25700-A-1550

Dear Clerk of the Supreme Court,

I am writing to comment on the proposed changes to RAP 9.6 DESIGNATION OF CLERK'S PAPERS.

These requests from OPD on this rule change would be detrimental to Columbia County. We do not have the manpower or the funding to take these changes on. OPD has access to public court records just as any other party and has different avenues to obtain these records. I understand, as a Clerk, we are the "record keeper" however, not the maker of these records or the copier of these records. I feel that it is unreasonable for OPD to suggest that we just go purchase special software to benefit them. Again, as a small county we do not have the funds to support these requests.

Understandably, times change and procedures should follow. I would be in favor and in support of implementing an exhibit management system or solution that would address all concerns from involved parties and would ask you not to adopt proposed changes these until such system is in place.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kriston Chapman  
Columbia County Clerk