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Dear Clerk of the Supreme Court,

As the Okanogan County Clerk, I respectfully submit the following comment regarding the proposed changes to RAP 9.6 DESIGNATION OF CLERK'S PAPERS.

The Office of Public Defense, has recommended amendments to RAP 9.6—Designation of Clerk's Papers and Exhibits. These recommended changes will unnecessarily burden the Okanogan County Clerk's office.

The true issue here should be the addition of a modern exhibit system; which will follow the ever-changing technology. This new system should be implemented by the AOC for use by all counties, thus alleviating the financial burden at the local level.

At the local level, the Clerk's office is unable to make the requested changes by OPD due to a very limited budget and an increasing workload. Improved office technology is a challenge. Each year as an elected Official, I am forced to make decisions where to best allocate funds. For example, this year I chose to replace office chairs for all staff **excluding** my Chief Deputy and myself. This decision freed up funds to enable the purchase of laptops for my Chief Deputy and myself. What is often forgotten is the very real and very **limited** resources that rural counties face every day. I humbly request that the Court be mindful of the very basic issues at play each day for rural jurisdictions.

Respectfully,


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Good morning,

Please see the attached response to the potential changes to RAP-9.6

Warmly,
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