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Washington State Supreme Court Justices
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RE: BJA Position on Indigent Defense Standards

Chief Justice Gonzalez and Honorable Justices of the Washington Supreme Court:

On behalf of the Board of Judicial Administration (BJA), I would like to express our appreciation for the opportunity to provide input on the Proposed Indigent Defense Standards.

After careful review and deliberation, the BJA has determined that many individual courts and court levels have already provided thoughtful responses to the proposed standards. As a result, the BJA has decided to defer to their comments and, therefore, will not be taking a formal position on the proposed changes at this time.

We thank you for including the BJA in this important discussion and for your continued dedication to the improvement of our justice system.

Sincerely,

Judge Alicia Burton
Co-Chair
Board of Judicial Administration