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Dear Clerk of the Washington Supreme Court,

I am writing in support of the new caseload standards proposed by the WSBA. I have been a public defender for six years, handling a full felony caseload for the greater part of the past four years. Throughout these six years, I have witnessed many of our best and most effective defenders leave their roles due to the stress caused by overwhelming caseload sizes. Further, because of the significant burden of current caseload standards, a right to a trial within the 60-day Time for Trial framework is virtually nonexistent in local courts. This leads to cases taking longer to get to trial or resolve and further compounds the various problems the WSBA seeks to fix with this proposal.

Representing a criminal client in 2024 involves much more time than when the current standards were developed in the 1970s. Reviewing the entirety of body worn camera requires a significant investment of time to provide ethical representation in each case, not to mention all of the new technology we frequently see in criminal cases including DNA, cell phone tracking, dash cam, and various other scientific developments.

The proposed standards rectify many of the inadequacies of the current system. I urge you to adopt the standards as proposed by the WSBA.

Thank you,

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