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To whomever is reading this,

Please just ask yourself this question, "what is the point of criminals hiring their own attorney's when they can just have their case dropped due to them not being assigned their own public defender?". When I first heard of this being sent to the Washington supreme court, I thought it was a joke. It seems that this is apparently being discussed seriously, which is a huge concern to the Washington residents as this is a huge risk to the everyday law abiding citizen. Criminals will be able to take advantage of such a rule that people who would normally not commit a crime, might now be inclined to do so.

It would make much more sense to raise the wages of public defenders in order to prevent more crime to spread throughout the state. Please make this aware to the supreme court as this can seriously affect the livelihood of people that the supreme court should be defending.

I appreciate your time,

Leonardo Gallardo