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My advice is not to reduce caseloads, but establish statewide public defense employment standards to include higher pay and pensions. Reducing caseloads will effectively increase the defense attorney shortage and result in the unnecessary release of criminals who will likely re-offend. The WSBA proposal is dangerous and the effects of implementing it will have very serious consequences.

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