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I join Deborah Fleck's appeal as stated in her comment to court rule changes to public defense standards.

For years, the superior court judges of Washington have warned and pleaded for the State of Washington to 100% fund indigent defense. Without adequate funding for indigent defense, the State of Washington is making a mockery of equal justice under the law. The state frequently mandates reforms to the justice system, but shockingly fails to allocate the money to carry out those reforms. The result is to strangle efforts to improve the courts and, significantly, indigent defense. I urge that the state 100% fund indigent defense so that Washington can live up to the promise of equal justice under the law.

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