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**Re: WDTL Comments On Proposed Rule Change To CR 55**

Dear Chief Justice and Associate Justices:

The Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (“WDTL”) has served as a voice for the civil defense bar since 1962. WDTL members defend small and large businesses, individuals, and other entities in supporting balance and fairness for all in civil trials. WDTL submits these initial comments to the proposed changes to CR55.

The WDTL supports the proposed changes to CR 55 to clarify the procedures associated with seeking default, which aim to provide unambiguous and even-handed direction for practitioners.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to submit these preliminary comments and look forward to continued involvement with honing these amendments to ensure that our Court Rules reflect a fair and pragmatic litigation process for all in our state.

Sincerely,

Michael Chait  
Chair, WDTL Rules Committee

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Clerk of the Supreme Court,

Please see the attached comments to the proposed changes to CR 55.

Kind regards,

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