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To the Clerk of the Washington State Supreme Court:

Please accept this email submission from the University of Washington School of Law. I am writing in my capacity as Associate Dean for Global and Graduate Programs.

The University of Washington School of Law wholeheartedly endorses the proposed rule change for Admission to Practice Rule 3. For the last six or seven years, we have had students with LLMs from other schools come to us for the courses required in Washington to sit for the Bar exam. There is no logical reason to treat these students, all of whom come from an ABA-accredited institution, differently than our students who have taken all of their courses in our school. We do not see any reason to penalize someone who did not envision while in their LLM program that they would move to Washington and want to take the Bar exam. We also have students who may graduate with an LLM, but who need to return later to take supplemental coursework required for bar admission after they have completed their LLM studies.

As we are well aware, people are mobile and their needs change.

Respectfully,

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