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I write to urge this Court to adopt the proposed amendment to the appendix to GR 14.

Parallel citations to U.S. Supreme Court cases are not only unnecessary, but consume much more word count than a Bluebook-compliant citation. Consider the difference between

*Miranda v. Arizona*, 384 U.S. 436, 444, 86 S. Ct. 1602, 16 L. Ed. 2d 694 (1966)

and

*Miranda v. Arizona*, 384 U.S. 436, 444 (1966).

According to Microsoft Word, the version with parallel citations takes up 17 words, and the latter version only 8.

As an appellate public defender, I often need to cite controlling U.S. Supreme Court precedent on issues of criminal procedure. A citation format more than twice as long as the Bluebook standard increases the word count of my clients' briefs and makes compliance with the limit more difficult, with questionable benefit to the reader. One citation is more than adequate to locate the opinions of our nation's highest court.

Thank you for your consideration,

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