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April 10, 2025

Honorable Mary I. Yu, Chair  
Supreme Court Rules Committee  
c/o Clerk of the Supreme Court  
Temple of Justice  
P.O. Box 40929  
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

Re: Proposed Changes to GR 27

Dear Justice Yu:

The Superior Court Judges' Association (SCJA) Equality and Fairness Committee and Family and Juvenile Law Committee reviewed the proposed changes to General Rule (GR) 27. These proposed changes update the references to relevant statutes throughout GR 27, update terminology, and incorporate new accessibility provisions.

The SCJA supports this rule change. The proposed language brings needed modernization to the rule. Most importantly, new Section (g) provides that courthouse facilitators will make available reasonable accommodations, including interpreter services, to individuals that are Deaf or hard of hearing, have other disabilities, or for whom English is not their primary language. This rule change will ensure access to courthouse facilitator services for all members of the community.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Kristin Ferrera, President  
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cc: SCJA Board of Trustees  
Allison Lee Muller, AOC

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**Subject:** Court Rule Public Comment Letters

Good morning,

Please see the attached comment letters on behalf of the Superior Court Judges' Association. The proposed rules we are commenting on at this time are:

- CR 12
- CR 68
- CrR 3.1/CrRLJ 3.1/JuCR 9.2 (family defense cases)
- CrR 3.2
- CrR 4.1/CrRLJ 4.1/CrRLJ 3.2
- CrR 8.3
- GR 24
- GR 27
- RPC 6.1

Thank you,  
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