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Re: Proposed changes to RAP 10.2

Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court:

The Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (WACDL) supports the proposed amendment of this rule. Given the increasing complexity of appellate records—including the increased use of body worn camera footage as trial exhibits—and to avoid routine requests for extensions of time from appellate counsel, increasing the number of days from 45 to 60 for filing an appellate brief after the report of proceedings is filed better reflects the time and effort involved in drafting an opening brief and will promote an efficient resolution of appeals.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached comments submitted on behalf of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (WACDL) regarding the following proposed rules:

- CrR/CrRLJ 3.1 (Appellate Caseloads)
- CrR/CrRLJ 3.2
- CrR/CrRLJ 4.1
- CrR/CrRLJ 8.3
- CR 12
- RAP 10.2
- RAP 17.7
- RAP 18.17

Thank you,

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