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Honorable Mary I. Yu, Chair
Supreme Court Rules Committee
c/o Clerk of the Supreme Court
Temple of Justice
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Dear Justice Yu:

Re: Proposed Changes to RPC 6.1

The Superior Court Judges' Association's (SCJA) Civil Law and Rules Committee, Criminal Law and Rules Committee, Equality and Fairness Committee, and Family and Juvenile Law Committee reviewed the proposed changes to Rule of Professional Conduct (RPC) 6.1.

This proposed rule change will broaden the definition of pro bono publico service to encompass a lawyer's provision of court-appointed representation to those individuals entitled to an attorney at public expense. This simple change will provide additional encouragement to private attorneys to provide more public defense services. While the SCJA agrees with the proponents of the proposed rule change that these amendments will not have any significant impact on Washington's current public defense concerns, every small gesture helps. The SCJA supports the proposed changes to RPC 6.1.

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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