



March 28, 2025

Justices of the Washington Supreme Court
P.O. Box 40929
Olympia, Washington 98504-0929
VIA E-MAIL: supreme@courts.wa.gov

RE: Proposed Changes to Rule of Professional Conduct 6.1

Dear Justices:

The Washington Defender Association (WDA) supports the proposed change to RPC 6.1 that would allow work on public defense cases to count as pro bono publico work for purposes of the rule, making public defense attorneys eligible for a commendation from the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA).

The gesture recognizing the hard work of public defenders would be a small step in the right direction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Magda Baker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Magda Baker
Director of Legal Services

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Hello,

Please see attached comment in support of the proposal to amend RPC 6.1.

Thank you for your assistance.

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