

FILED
SUPREME COURT STATE
OF WASHINGTON
JUNE 5, 2025
BY SARAH R. PENDLETON
CLERK

THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF SUSPENDING STANDARD
14 OF CrR 3.1, CrRLJ 3.1, AND JuCR 9.2—
QUALIFICATIONS OF ATTORNEYS

ORDER

NO. 25700-A-1642

On June 7, 2024, the Court issued [Order No. 25700-A-1569](#) that suspended Standard 14 of CrR 3.1 and CrRLJ 3.1—Qualifications of Attorneys for one year from the date of the order. The Court issued that order following a request from the King County Department of Public Defense, the Snohomish County Office of Public Defense, the Snohomish County Public Defender Association, and Professor Paul Holland (“Proponents”) to temporarily suspend Standard 14 on an emergency basis pending the Court’s consideration of the Washington State Bar Association’s suggested amendments to the Court’s Standards for Indigent Defense.

By letter dated May 1, 2025, Proponents requested that the Court continue to temporarily suspend, on an emergency basis, Standard 14 of CrR 3.1 and CrRLJ 3.1 for another year or until the Court rules otherwise. Proponents also requested that the Court suspend Standard 14 of JuCR 9.2 on an emergency and temporary basis.

ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF SUSPENDING STANDARD 14 OF CrR 3.1, CrRLJ 3.1, AND JuCR 9.2—QUALIFICATIONS OF ATTORNEYS

The Court finds that suspension of Standard 14 is warranted while the Washington State Bar Association's suggested amendments to the Court's Standards for Indigent Defense are pending before the Court.

Now, therefore, pursuant to the Court's authority to administer justice and the Court's authority to take emergency action with respect to rules pursuant to GR 9(j)(1), it is hereby

ORDERED:

(a) Standard 14 of CrR 3.1, CrRLJ 3.1, and JuCR 9.2—Qualifications of Attorneys, is hereby suspended for one year from the date of this Order, or until the Court otherwise orders.

(b) During the suspension of Standard 14 of CrR 3.1, CrRLJ 3.1, and JuCR 9.2, the Certification of Appointed Counsel of Compliance With Standards Required by CrR 3.1/CrRLJ 3.1/JuCR 9.2 is modified in the form attached hereto.

(c) This order will be published on the Washington Courts website and in Washington Reports.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 5th day of June, 2025.

For the Court


CHIEF JUSTICE

COURT: <input type="radio"/> Superior <input type="radio"/> District <input type="radio"/> Juvenile <input type="radio"/> Municipal	CITY OF: _____ COUNTY OF: _____ STATE OF WASHINGTON
--	--

**CERTIFICATION OF
APPOINTED COUNSEL
OF COMPLIANCE WITH
STANDARDS REQUIRED BY**
 CrR 3.1 / CrRLJ 3.1 / JuCR 9.2

CERTIFICATION BY:

 Name WSBA#

QUARTER: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

CALENDAR YEAR: _____

☐ Administrative Filing
Certification for:

_____ to _____
 MM / DD / YYYY MM / DD / YYYY

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies:

1. I am familiar with the Standards for Indigent Defense adopted by the Supreme Court which apply to attorneys appointed to represent indigent clients.:
2. I file certification forms in each court in which I provide indigent defense representation.
3. Approximately ____% of my total practice time is devoted to indigent defense cases.

Approximately ____% of my total practice time is devoted to indigent defense cases in this court.

4. I am appointed in other courts to provide indigent defense representation. My practice time in each is approximately as follows:

___ Not Applicable

___ Court of _____. Total practice: _____%

___ Court of _____. Total practice: _____%

___ Court of _____. Total practice: _____%

5. **Caseload:** I limit the number of cases and mix of case types to the caseload limits required by Standards 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4. My caseload is prorated to the percentage of my practice devoted to indigent defense.
6. **Qualifications:** I meet the minimum basic professional qualifications in Standard 14.1 the revised WSBA Standards for Indigent Defense Services. I am familiar with the specific case qualifications in Standard 14.2 the WSBA Standards for Indigent Defense Services and accept appointment as lead counsel only when I meet the qualifications for that case.
7. **Office:** I have access to an office that accommodates confidential meetings, a postal address, and adequate telephone and communication services as required by Standard 5.2.
8. **Investigators:** I have investigators available to me and use investigative services as appropriate, as required by Standard 6.1.

 Attorney Signature

 WSBA#

 Date