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THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO RPC 6.1—PRO BONO
PUBLICO SERVICE

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ORDER

NO. 25700-A-1650

Attorney Kevin Flannery, having recommended the adoption of the proposed amendments to RPC 6.1—Pro Bono Publico Service, and the Court having published the proposed amendments for comment, and having considered the proposed amendments, and having determined that the proposed amendments to Comment 3 to RPC 6.1 as revised by the Court will aid in the prompt and orderly administration of justice;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

(a) That the proposed amendments to Comment 3 to RPC 6.1 as revised by the Court and as attached hereto are adopted. A majority of the Court declined to adopt the remainder of the proposed amendments, with Justices Gordon McCloud, Montoya-Lewis, and Whitener dissenting from that decision.

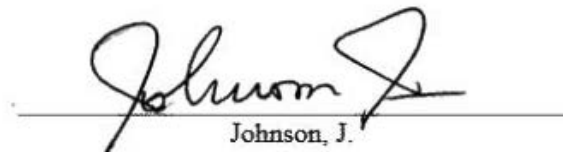
(b) That the proposed amendments to Comment 3 to RPC 6.1 will be published in the Washington Reports and will become effective September 1, 2025.

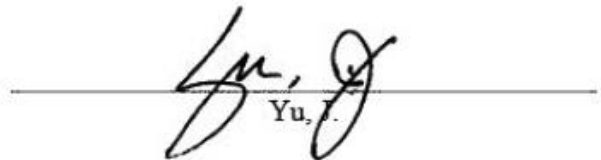
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DATED at Olympia, Washington this 2nd day of July, 2025.


CHIEF JUSTICE


Johnson, J.


Yu, J.



Madsen, J.


Montoya-Lewis, J.


González, J.


Whitener, J.


Gordon McCloud, J.


Mungia, J.

RPC 6.1
PRO BONO PUBLICO SERVICE

[Unchanged.]

Comments

[1]-[2] [Unchanged.]

[3] **[Washington revision]** Persons eligible for legal services under paragraphs (a)(1) are those who qualify for services provided by a qualified legal services provider (see Washington Comment [14]) and those whose incomes and financial resources are slightly above the guidelines utilized by such programs but nevertheless, cannot afford legal services. Legal services under paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) include those rendered to individuals or to organizations such as ~~homeless shelters, battered women's centers~~ for individuals affected by domestic violence, or ~~and~~ food pantries that serve those of limited means. The term “governmental organizations” includes, but is not limited to, public protection programs and sections of governmental or public sector agencies.

[4]-[16] [Unchanged.]