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The Honorable Mary Fairhurst
Chief Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court
Temple of Justice
PO Box 41174
Olympia, WA 98504-1174

Re: Suggested Changes to Rule of Appeal of Decisions of Courts of Limited Jurisdiction 9.3

Dear Chief Justice Fairhurst:

The Washington Defender Association (WDA) is submitting for the Washington Supreme Court's consideration the enclosed suggested changes to RALJ 9.3.

As the enclosed GR 9 cover sheet explains, the language we propose is very similar to language the Washington Supreme Court adopted when it amended RAP 14.2 effective January 31, 2017. The primary difference is that our suggested changes to RALJ 9.3 discuss costs in civil and criminal appeals separately. This is because members of the WSBA RALJ Subcommittee asked that we make clear that any suggested changes to RALJ 9.3 apply only to indigent criminal defendants.

We are available to answer any questions that may arise during the review of this proposal. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Harry Gasnick, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Harry Gasnick
Chair, WDA Court Rules Committee

A black ink signature of Magda Baker, written in a cursive style with a long horizontal tail.

Magda Baker
Misdemeanor Resource Attorney

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Charles W. Johnson, Chair of the Supreme Court Rules Committee
Shannon Hinchcliffe, AOC