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Rosanna Wadkins, Superior Court Administrator  
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**Re: Support for Adoption of New Local Rule 34 and Revisions to Local Rule 30**

Dear Superior Court Administrator,

On behalf of GLP Attorneys, I am submitting this comment in support of the proposed adoption of Local Rule 34 and revisions to Local Rule 30 concerning civil fee waivers in Skagit County Superior Court. Our firm routinely represents clients throughout Skagit County and frequently interacts with court procedures that impact filing accessibility and case management. Although our practice covers a variety of civil matters, we have a vested interest in ensuring that court processes remain efficient, consistent, and available to all parties.

The existing fee waiver procedure creates unnecessary obstacles within the system. Requiring separate presentation of fee waiver requests, working around limited ex parte scheduling, and postponing the filing of associated pleadings can delay case commencement and impose avoidable administrative challenges on both legal counsel and court personnel.

The proposed rule changes would address these concerns in a practical way. In particular:

- **Consolidating fee waivers with related pleadings** into a single filing would simplify case initiation;
- **Enabling electronic submission** would bring the process up to date and decrease dependence on in-person court visits;
- **Removing redundant presentation requirements** would increase efficiency for litigants, attorneys, and the Court alike.

These modifications would not only expand access for litigants with limited financial resources, but would also strengthen overall court efficiency by easing the burden on ex parte calendars and eliminating repetitive procedural requirements.

Aligning local practice with statewide standards under GR 34 is a reasonable and necessary step. Clear, consistent procedures benefit all participants in the legal system and support timely resolution of civil matters.

We appreciate the Court's consideration of these proposed changes and encourage their adoption.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beth A. Minish".

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