

GR 9 COVER SHEET

Suggested Amendment RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT (RPC) RPC 1.15A SAFEGUARDING PROPERTY

Submitted by the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association

A. **Name of Proponent:** The Washington State Bar Association.

B. **Spokespersons:**

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Purpose: See the purpose statement to suggested amendment to RPC 1.5. This suggested rule amendment to RPC 1.15A will serve (1) to state the general rule with respect to the trust account treatment of fees paid in advance of services and (2) to specify that the only exceptions to the general rule are set out in RPC 1.5(f).

C. **Hearing.** A hearing is not requested.

D. **Expedited Consideration:** Expedited consideration is not requested.

E. **Supporting Material:**

- Suggested rule amendment.
- Report to the Board of Governors, July 10, 2007.