Suggested Rule Amendments

Rule Changes Suggested By the WSBA Court Rules & Procedures Committee

On December 6, 2012, the Court ordered suggested amendments to the following rules published for comment, with a comment period expiring **April 30, 2013**:

- ER 804 – Hearsay Exceptions: Declarant Unavailable,
- ER 901 – Requirement of Authentication or Identification,
- CR 34 – Producing Documents, Electronically Stored Information, and Things or Entry Upon Land for Inspection and Other Purposes.

Other Suggested Rule Changes

Uniform Collaborative Law Rules
On April 5, 2013, the Court ordered proposed Uniform Collaborative Law Rules published for comment, with a 60-day comment period. The rules are proposed in conjunction with pending legislation adopting the Uniform Collaborative Law Act and are proposed for adoption only if that Act is adopted. **HB1116**

Admission to Practice Rules
On December 6, 2012, the Court ordered the APR Task Force's proposed amendments to APR Titles1-9, Appendix APR 12, Regulation 14, APR 13, APR 15, APR 15 Procedural Rules 6, 9, 13, APR 17, APR 18, APR 20, APR 20.1, APR 20.2, APR 20.3, APR 20.4, APR 20.5, APR 21, APR 22, APR 23, APR 24, APR 24.1, APR 24.2, APR 24.3, APR 24.4, APR 24.5, APR 25, APR 25.1, APR 25.2, APR 25.3, APR 25.4, APR 25.5 and APR 25.6, RPC 5.5 – Unauthorized Practice of Law; Multijurisdictional Practice of Law and LPORPC 1.12A – Safeguarding Property, published for comment, with the comment period expiring **April 30, 2013.**

Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct
On December 6, 2012, the Court ordered ELC Task Force's proposed amendments to the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct (ELC) and RPC 5.8 – Misconduct Involving Disbarred, Suspended, Resigned, and Inactive Lawyers, published for comment, with the comment period expiring **April 30, 2013.**

GR 12.1
On December 6, 2012, the Court ordered a suggested amendment to GR 12.1 – Washington State Bar Association: Purposes, published for comment, with the comment period expiring **April 30, 2013.**

Family Law Civil Rules
On June 7, 2012, the Court ordered the proposed revised Family Law Civil Rules (FLCR) published for comment, with a comment period expiring **April 30, 2013.**

RPC 4.4
On June 7, 2012, the Court ordered proposed amendments to RPC 4.4 – Respect for the Rights of Third Persons, published for comment, with the comment period expiring **April 30, 2013.**

For more information about all proposed and recently adopted rules, please see the Washington Court Rules page.