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Dear Ms. Nevitt and Washington State Bar Board of Governors:

The Supreme Court received and reviewed the *Report and Recommendations* dated September 2019 from the Supreme Court Work Group on Bar Structure and the minority report dated August 28, 2019. The Court also reviewed comments to the report received from individuals and organizations.

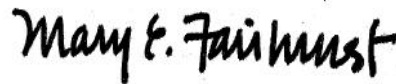
By a majority vote, the Court acted on the recommendations as follows:

Work Group Recommendation	Court Decision
Retain an integrated bar structure.	Retain an integrated bar structure for now (5-4, Johnson, Madsen, Stephens, Wiggins, JJ., dissenting).
Make no fundamental changes to the six Court appointed boards administered and funded by the WSBA: the Access to Justice Board; the Disciplinary Board; the Limited License Legal Technician Board; the Limited Practice Board; the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board; and the Practice of Law Board.	Make no fundamental changes, as recommended (5-4, Johnson, Madsen, Stephens, Wiggins, JJ., dissenting).
Consider amending court rules to specify that the prohibitions of General Rule (GR) 12.2(c) apply to Court appointed boards.	Review whether the prohibitions in GR 12.2(c) apply to Court appointed boards and seek additional input, especially from the affected entities (6-3, Madsen, Stephens, Wiggins, JJ., dissenting).
Consider ordering the WSBA Board of Governors and staff to adopt and execute a	Request, but do not order, that the WSBA Board of Governors and staff do a thorough

thorough <i>Keller v. State Bar of California</i> , 496 U.S. 1, 110 S. Ct. 2228 (1990) interpretation when calculating all future <i>Keller</i> deductions.	<i>Keller v. State Bar of California</i> calculation for the Court's review (6-3, Madsen, Stephens, Wiggins, JJ., dissenting).
Reexamine the <i>Report and Recommendations</i> from the WSBA Governance Task Force dated June 2014.	Review and reexamine recommendations from the 2014 Governance Task Force report (5-4, Johnson, Madsen, Stephens, Wiggins, JJ., dissenting).
Consider adding public member(s) to the WSBA BOG.	Reevaluate the composition of the BOG membership including adding public member(s) to the WSBA BOG (5-4, Johnson, Madsen, Stephens, Wiggins, JJ., dissenting).

The Court appreciates the efforts of the Work Group to analyze issues and develop recommendations. We are sharing with you the Court's actions to date on these recommendations and look forward to working with the WSBA and the Board of Governors as we consider further decisions regarding the recommendations.

Very truly yours,



MARY E. FAIRHURST
Chief Justice

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