

THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO RPC 1.5—FEES, COMMENT
[6]

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ORDER

NO. 25700-A-1692

The Washington State Bar Association, having recommended the adoption of the proposed amendments to RPC 1.5—Fees, Comment [6], and the Court having published the proposed amendments for comment, and having considered the proposed amendments, and having determined that the proposed amendments will aid in the prompt and orderly administration of justice;

Now, therefore, it is hereby


ORDERED:

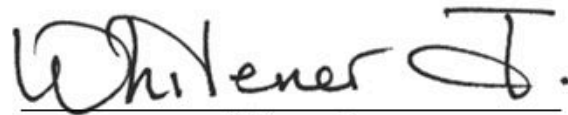
- (a) That the proposed amendments as attached hereto are adopted.
- (b) That the proposed amendments will be published in the Washington Reports and

will become effective September 1, 2026.

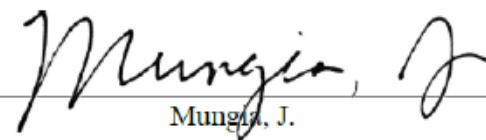
DATED at Olympia, Washington this 4th day of June, 2026.


CHIEF JUSTICE


Johnson, J.


Whitener, J.

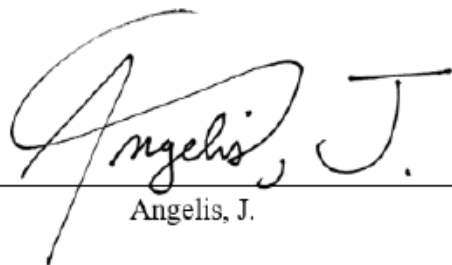

González, J.


Mungia, J.


Gordon McCloud, J.


Melody, J.


Montoya-Lewis, J.


Angelis, J.

**SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
RULE 1.5, COMMENT [6]**

1 **RPC 1.5 FEES**

2 **(a) – (f)** [Unchanged.]

3 **Comment**

4 **[1] – [5]** [Unchanged.]

5 *Prohibited Contingent Fees*

6 **[6] [Washington revision]** Paragraph (d) prohibits a lawyer from charging a contingent fee in
7 a domestic relations matter when payment is contingent upon the securing of a dissolution or
8 annulment of marriage or upon the amount of maintenance or support or property settlement
9 to be obtained. Paragraph (d) is equally applicable to fees in other domestic relations matters,
10 including (1) resolution of parenting issues, (2) establishment or maintenance of a
11 guardianship of a minor, (3) dissolving a state-registered domestic partnership, and (4) ending
12 a committed intimate relationship under Washington law. This provision does not preclude a
13 contract for a contingent fee for legal representation in connection with the recovery of
14 postjudgment balances due under support, maintenance, or other financial orders because such
15 contracts do not implicate the same policy concerns.

16 **[7] – [9]** [Unchanged.]

17 **Additional Washington Comments (10-19)**

18 **[10] – [19]** [Unchanged.]

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