

THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO APR 6—LAW CLERK
PROGRAM

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ORDER

NO. 25700-A-1696

The Washington State Bar Association and the Law Clerk Board, having recommended the adoption of the proposed amendments to APR 6—Law Clerk Program, and the Court having published the proposed amendments for comment, and having considered the proposed amendments, and having determined that the proposed amendments as revised by the Court will aid in the prompt and orderly administration of justice;

Now, therefore, it is hereby


ORDERED:

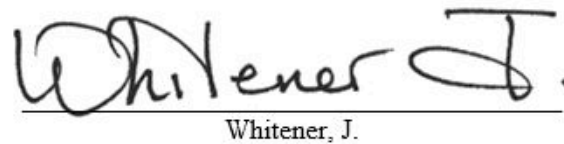
- (a) That the proposed amendments as attached hereto are adopted.
- (b) That the proposed amendments will be published in the Washington Reports and will become effective September 1, 2026.

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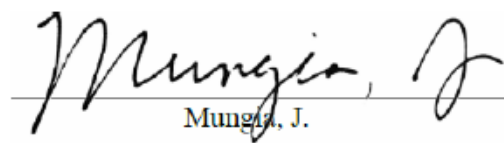
DATED at Olympia, Washington this 4th day of June, 2026.


CHIEF JUSTICE


Johnson, J.


Whitener, J.

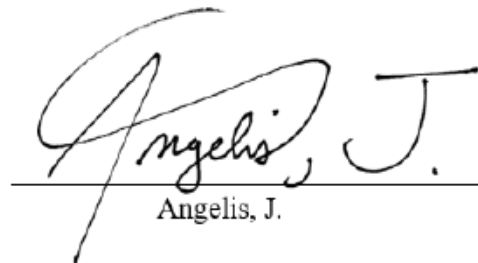

González, J.


Mungia, J.


Gordon McCloud, J.


Melody, J.


Montoya-Lewis, J.


Angelis, J.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO ADMISSION AND PRACTICE RULE 6

1 **TITLE**

2 **ADMISSION AND PRACTICE RULES**

3 **RULE 6. LAW CLERK PROGRAM**

4 **(a) [Unchanged.]**

5 **(b) Application.** A person who qualifies for admission as a lawyer under APR 3 is not
6 eligible to apply for enrollment in the law clerk program. Every applicant for enrollment in
7 the law clerk program shall:

8 (1)-(2) [Unchanged.]

9 (3) Be engaged in regular, full-time, paid employment in Washington State for an
10 average of 32 hours per week with the primary tutor or primary tutor's employer in a (i) law
11 office, (ii) legal department, or (iii) court of general, limited, or appellate jurisdiction in
12 Washington State. This paid employment requirement shall not be waived or satisfied by
13 unpaid or contract positions. The employment must include tasks and duties ~~which~~ that
14 contribute to the practical aspects of engaging in the practice of law;

15 (4)-(8) [Unchanged.]

16 **(c) Tutors.** To be eligible to act as a tutor in the law clerk program, a lawyer or judicial
17 member as defined in the Washington State Bar Association Bylaws shall:

18 (1) Act as a tutor for ~~only one~~ no more than two law clerks at a time concurrently;

19 (2) [Unchanged.]

20 (3) Have active legal experience in the practice of law as defined by APR 1 or have held
21 the required judicial position for at least ~~10~~ 8 of the last 12 years immediately preceding the
22 filing of the law clerk's application for enrollment. The ~~10~~ 8 years of practice must include at
23 least 2 years in Washington state and may be a combination of active practice and judicial
24 experience but may not include periods of suspension for any reason;

25 (4)-(5) [Unchanged.]

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1 **(d) Enrollment.** When an application for enrollment has been approved by the Bar, an
2 enrolled law clerk shall:

3 (1) [Unchanged.]

4 (2) Meet the minimum monthly requirements of an average of 32 hours per week of
5 regular, full-time, paid employment with the tutor, which may include in-office study time
6 and must include an average of 3 hours per week for the tutor's personal supervision of the
7 law clerk. A tutor supervising two clerks in the same month for the same course may combine
8 supervision time to meet the weekly average total of 3 hours. A tutor supervising two clerks in
9 different courses or different months of the same course must supervise the clerks separately
10 for a total average of 6 hours per week (3 hours per clerk). "Personal supervision" is defined
11 as time actually spent with the law clerk for the exposition and discussion of the law, the
12 recitation of cases, and the critical analysis of the law clerk's written assignments.

13 (3)-(4) [Unchanged.]

14 **(e) Course of Study.** The subjects to be studied, the sequence in which they are to be
15 studied, and any other requirement to successfully complete the program shall be as
16 prescribed in the Law Clerk Program Regulations. Progress toward completion of the program
17 shall be evaluated by submission of examinations, certificates, reports, and evaluations as
18 follows:

19 (1) [Unchanged.]

20 (2) *Certificates.* Within 10 days following the month of study, the law clerk or tutor
21 shall submit the examination, including the grade given for the examination and comments to
22 the law clerk, and the tutor shall submit a monthly certificate, stating the law clerk's hours
23 engaged in employment, study, and the tutor's personal supervision. If an examination is not
24 given, the monthly certificate shall be submitted stating the reason.

25 (3)-(4) [Unchanged.]

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(f)-(i) [Unchanged.]