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District Court Administrator  
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Re: Proposed Emergency Local Court Rule LLARLJ 30

Ms. Shedd:

This Office is in receipt of the letter dated April 20, 2026, regarding proposed LLARLJ 30. At this time, I believe the implementation of the rule, or at least the applicability of the rule to this office, would create an undue hardship.

To determine the scope of the potential impact, I requested Office Administrator Brittani Halverson to determine, if possible, the number, on average, of qualifying pleadings this office files in cases. For criminal cases, it was determined the average number of documents filed per case is five (5). Certainly, that number does not sound like a significant number. However, in 2025 through mid-March 2026, it appears this office has appeared in over 2000 criminal cases. This, of course, does not include infractions, code enforcement, or other proceedings this Office may appear in at the District Court level.

This office has just two (2) staff members dedicated to working on criminal matters at the district court level. I inquired the *approximate* length of time the e-filing process created by AOC would take for each document. I estimated it would take three (3) minutes. In other words, an extra 15 minutes per case, or 30,000 minutes for the case numbers given above. This Office does not have an extra 500 hours to invest in this endeavor.

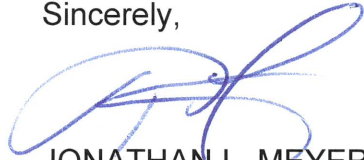
The same process as proposed here was reviewed when the system was implemented at the Superior Court Clerk's Office and the same result was reached. As a result, this office continues to file hard copies simply because we lack adequate resources to undertake the burdensome e-filing process.

For the average filer, the additional time spent will be of little, if any, consequence. However, as the largest filer by volume (granted, this is an assumption), this burden would be unmanageable without the assistance of additional staff.

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In short, the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office is opposed to the rule as now written. Certainly, please feel free to contact this Office with any questions or to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,



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