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Clerk of the Supreme Court
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Re: Rule Petition 17-06, In re Petition to amend SCR 81.02

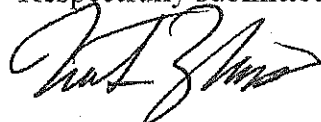
Dear Honorable Justices:

I write in support of Rue Petition 17-06. I want to point out that the current private bar rate for appellate attorneys of \$40/hour is wholly inadequate. The members of this court know better than anyone that effective appellate advocacy requires skill and experience. Not only is \$40/hour inadequate to attract effective appellate practitioners, those private bar attorneys who do take appointments from the State Public Defender are paid nothing until the conclusion of the appeal unless interim payments are requested.

Unlike cases in the trial court where a case may be concluded in three to six months, an appeal can take from one to two years to resolve. One key difference between appeals and trial court work is that transcripts must be prepared, and often criminal law appellate advocacy requires going back to the trial court before proceeding to a direct appeal.

You as justices of an appellate court know better than anyone how effective appellate advocacy is crucial to meetings the ends of justice and moving an appeal along to its conclusion. I urge you to grant this petition.

Respectfully submitted,



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