

WSR 21-04-082
RULES OF COURT
STATE SUPREME COURT
[January 21, 2021]

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED) AMENDED
AMENDMENTS TO RAP 4.2, RAP 4.3,) ORDER AS TO
RAP 10.4, RAP 10.7, RAP 10.8, RAP) EFFECTIVE DATE
10.10(b), RAP 12.4, RAP 13.4, RAP) NO. 25700-A-1323
13.5(c), RAP 13.7(e), RAP 16.7(c), RAP)
16.10(d), RAP 16.16(e), RAP 16.17,)
RAP 16.21(c), RAP 16.22, RAP 17.4(g),)
RAP 18.13A(h), RAP 18.14(c), NEW)
RAP 18.17, RAP FORMS 3, 4, 6, 9, 17,)
18, 20, 23)

The Washington State Supreme Court Word Count Workgroup, having recommended the adoption of the proposed amendments to RAP 4.2, RAP 4.3, RAP 10.4, RAP 10.7, RAP 10.8, RAP 10.10(b), RAP 12.4, RAP 13.4, RAP 13.5(c), RAP 13.7(e), RAP 16.7(c), RAP 16.10(d), RAP 16.16(e), RAP 16.17, RAP 16.21(c), RAP 16.22, RAP 17.4(g), RAP 18.13A(h), RAP 18.14(c), new RAP 18.17, RAP Forms 3, 4, 6, 9, 17, 18, 20, 23, and the Court 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 shown below are adopted.

(b) That pursuant to the emergency provisions of GR 9(j)(1), the proposed amendments will be published in the Washington Reports and will become effective on September 1, 2021.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 21st day of January, 2020.

Stephens, C.J.
Johnson, J. Gordon McCloud, J.
Madsen, J. Yu, J.
Owens, J. Montoya-Lewis, J.
Gonzalez, J. Whitener, J.

RAP 4.2 DIRECT REVIEW OF SUPERIOR COURT DECISION BY SUPREME COURT

(a) - (b) [Unchanged.]

(c) Form of Statement of Grounds for Direct Review. The statement should be captioned "Statement of Grounds for Direct Review," contain the title of the case as provided in rule 3.4, conform to the formatting requirements of RAP 18.17 rule 10.4(a), and contain under appropriate headings and in the order here indicated:

(1) - (2) [Unchanged.]

(3) Grounds for Direct Review. The grounds upon which the party contends direct review should be granted.

The statement of grounds for direct review should not exceed 15 pages, exclusive of appendices and the title sheet. comply with the length limitations of RAP 18.17.

(d) Answer to Statement of Grounds for Direct Review. A respondent may file an answer to the statement of grounds for direct review. In an appeal, the answer should be filed within 14 days after service of the statement on respondent. In a discretionary review, the answer

should be filed with any response to the motion for discretionary review. The answer should comply with the formatting requirements and length limitations of RAP 18.17. ~~conform to the formatting requirements of rule 10.4(a). The answer should not exceed 15 pages, exclusive of appendices and the title sheet.~~

(e) [Unchanged.]

RULE 4.3 DIRECT REVIEW OF DECISIONS OF COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

(a) - (b) [Unchanged.]

(c) **Form of Statement of Grounds for Direct Review.** The statement should be captioned "Statement of Grounds for Direct Review," contain the title of the case as provided in rule 3.4, conform to the formatting requirements of ~~rule 10.4(a)~~ RAP 18.17 and contain under appropriate headings and in the order here indicated:

(1) - (3) [Unchanged.]

(4) *Appendix.* A copy of the trial court's written statement under Rule 4.3 (a) (2).

The statement of grounds for direct review should comply with the length limitations of RAP 18.17. ~~not exceed 15 pages, exclusive of appendices and the title sheet.~~

(d) **Answer to Statement of Grounds for Direct Review.** A respondent may file an answer to the statement of grounds for direct review. The answer should be filed within 14 days after service of the statement on respondent. The answer should comply with the formatting requirements and length limitations of RAP 18.17. ~~conform to the formatting requirements of rule 10.4(a). The answer should not exceed 15 pages, exclusive of appendices and the title sheet.~~

(e) [Unchanged.]

RAP 10.4 PREPARATION AND FILING OF BRIEF BY PARTY

(a) ~~Typing or Printing~~ **Format of Brief.** Briefs shall comply with the formatting requirements of RAP 18.17. ~~conform to the following requirements:~~

(1) ~~An original and one legible, clean, and reproducible copy of the brief must be filed with the appellate court. The original brief should be printed or typed in black on 20-pound substance 8-1/2 by 11-inch white paper. Margins should be at least 2 inches on the left side and 1-1/2 inches on the right side and on the top and bottom of each page. The brief shall not contain any tabs, colored sheets of paper, or binding and should not be stapled.~~

(2) ~~The text of any brief typed or printed must appear double spaced and in print as 12 point or larger type in the following fonts or their equivalent: Times New Roman, Courier, CG Times, Arial, or in typewriter fonts, pica or elite. The same typeface and print size should be standard throughout the brief, except that footnotes may appear in print as 10 point or larger type and be the equivalent of single spaced. Quotations may be the equivalent of single spaced. Except for material in an appendix, the typewritten or printed material in the brief shall not be reduced or condensed by photographic or other means.~~

(b) **Length of Brief.** Briefs shall comply with the length limitations of RAP 18.17. ~~A brief of appellant, petitioner, or respondent should not exceed 50 pages. Appellant's reply brief should not exceed 25 pages. An amicus curiae brief, or answer thereto, should not exceed 20 pages. In a cross-appeal, the brief of appellant, brief of respondent/cross appellant, and reply brief of appellant/cross respondent should not exceed 50 pages and the reply brief of the cross appellant~~

~~should not exceed 25 pages. For the purpose of determining compliance with this rule appendices, the title sheet, table of contents, and table of authorities are not included. For compelling reasons the court may grant a motion to file an over-length brief.~~

(c) - (h) [Unchanged.]

RAP 10.7 SUBMISSION OF IMPROPER BRIEF

If a party submits a brief that fails to comply with the requirements of Title 10 ~~of these rules and RAP 18.17~~, the appellate court, on its own initiative or on the motion of a party, may (1) order the brief returned for correction or replacement within a specified time, (2) order the brief stricken from the files with leave to file a new brief within a specified time, or (3) accept the brief. The appellate court will ordinarily impose sanctions on a party or counsel for a party who files a brief that fails to comply with these rules.

RAP 10.8 ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES

A party or amicus curiae may file a statement of additional authorities. The statement should not contain argument, but should identify the issue for which each authority is offered. The statement must be served and filed prior to the filing of the decision on the merits or, if there is a motion for reconsideration, prior to the filing of the decision on the motion. The statement should comply with the formatting requirements of RAP 18.17.

RAP 10.10 STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL GROUNDS FOR REVIEW

(a) [Unchanged.]

(b) **Length and Legibility.** The statement, ~~which shall be limited to no more than 50 pages,~~ may be submitted in handwriting so long as it is legible and can be reproduced by the clerk. The statement should comply with the formatting requirements and length limitations of RAP 18.17.

(c) - (f) [Unchanged.]

RAP 12.4 MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION TERMINATING REVIEW

(a) **Generally.** A party may file a motion for reconsideration only of a decision by the judges (1) terminating review, or (2) granting or denying a personal restraint petition on the merits. The motion should be in the form and be served and filed as provided in rules 17.3(a), 17.4(a) and (g), ~~and 18.5, and 18.17~~, except as otherwise provided in this rule. A party may not file a motion for reconsideration of an order refusing to modify a ruling by the commissioner or clerk, nor may a party file a motion for reconsideration of a Supreme Court order denying a petition for review.

(b) - (d) [Unchanged.]

(e) **Length.** The motion, answer, or reply should ~~not exceed 25 pages in length~~ comply with the length limitations in RAP 18.17.

(f) - (h) [Unchanged.]

(i) **Amicus Curiae Memoranda.** When a motion for reconsideration has been filed, the appellate court may grant permission to file an amicus curiae memorandum for the purpose of addressing the court regarding the soundness of legal principles announced in the course of the opinion. Absent a showing of particular justification, an amicus curiae memorandum should be received by the court and counsel of record for the parties and any other amicus curiae not later than 5 days after the motion for reconsideration has been filed. Rules 10.4 and 10.6 should govern generally disposition of a motion to file an amicus

curiae memorandum, except that no answer to an amicus curiae memorandum should be filed unless requested by the court. An amicus curiae memorandum or answer should ~~not exceed 10 pages~~ comply with the length limitations in RAP 18.17.

RAP 13.4 DISCRETIONARY REVIEW OF DECISION TERMINATING REVIEW

(a) - (d) [Unchanged.]

(e) **Form of Petition, Answer, and Reply.** The petition, answer, and reply should comply with the requirements as to form for a brief as provided in rules 10.3, ~~and 10.4,~~ and 18.17, except as otherwise provided in this rule.

(f) **Length.** The petition for review, answer, or reply should comply with the length limitations of RAP 18.17. ~~not exceed 20 pages double spaced, excluding appendices, title sheet, table of contents, and table of authorities.~~

(g) [Unchanged.]

(h) **Amicus Curiae Memoranda.** The Supreme Court may grant permission to file an amicus curiae memorandum in support of or opposition to a pending petition for review. Absent a showing of particular justification, an amicus curiae memorandum should be received by the court and counsel of record for the parties and other amicus curiae not later than 60 days from the date the petition for review is filed. Rules 10.4 and 10.6 should govern generally disposition of a motion to file an amicus curiae memorandum. An amicus curiae memorandum or answer thereto should ~~not exceed 10 pages~~ comply with the length limitations of RAP 18.17.

(i) [Unchanged.]

RAP 13.5 DISCRETIONARY REVIEW OF INTERLOCUTORY DECISION

(a) - (b) [Unchanged.]

(c) **Motion Procedure.** The procedure for and the form of the motion for discretionary review is as provided in Title 17. A motion for discretionary review under this rule, and any response, should comply with the formatting requirements and length limitations of RAP 18.17. ~~not exceed 20 pages double spaced, excluding appendices, title sheet, table of contents, and table of authorities.~~

(d) [Unchanged.]

RAP 13.7 PROCEEDINGS AFTER ACCEPTANCE OF REVIEW

(a) - (d) [Unchanged.]

(e) **Supplemental Briefs, Special Requirements.**

(1) *Form.* Except as to length, a supplemental brief should conform to rules 10.3, ~~and 10.4,~~ and 18.17 and should be captioned "supplemental brief of (petitioner/respondent--name of party)."

(2) *Length.* A supplemental brief should comply with the length limitations in RAP 18.17. ~~not exceed 20 double spaced pages. The title sheet, appendices, table of contents and table of authorities are not included in this page limitation. For compelling reasons the court may grant a motion to file an over-length brief.~~

(3) *Filing and Service.* A supplemental brief should be filed in the Supreme Court and served in accordance with rule 10.2(h).

References [Unchanged.]

RAP 16.7 PERSONAL RESTRAINT PETITION—FORM OF PETITION

(a) - (b) [Unchanged.]

(c) **Length of Petition.** The petition should ~~not exceed 50 pages.~~ comply with the length limitations of RAP 18.17.

References [Unchanged.]

RAP 16.10 PERSONAL RESTRAINT PETITION—BRIEFS

(a) - (c) [Unchanged.]

(d) **Content, Format, and Length and Style of Briefs.** The content, format, and length and style of briefs is governed by rules 10.3, and 10.4, and 18.17.

(e) [Unchanged.]

RAP 16.16 QUESTION CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL COURT

(a) - (d) [Unchanged.]

(e) **Briefs.**

(1) [Unchanged.]

(2) *Form and Reproduction of Briefs.* Briefs should be in the form provided by rules 10.3, and 10.4, and 18.17. Briefs will be reproduced by the clerk in accordance with rule 10.5.

(f) - (g) [Unchanged.]

Reviser's note: The typographical error in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appears in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.

RAP 16.17 OTHER RULES APPLICABLE

Rules 1.1, 1.2, 18.1, 18.3 through 18.10, 18.17, and 18.21 through 18.24 are applicable to the special proceedings in this title.

RAP 16.21 CLERK'S CONFERENCE IN CAPITAL CASES

(a) - (b) [Unchanged.]

(c) **Attendance at Clerk's Conference.** The attorneys for each party, if the notice requires it, shall attend the clerk's conference on the date, time, and place specified in the clerk's notice. Those in attendance should be ready to seriously consider the procedural issues attendant upon the case, including, but not limited to, settlement of the record, the briefing schedule, the page length limitations for briefs, oral argument, and other matters which may promote the prompt and fair disposition of the appeal.

(d) [Unchanged.]

RAP 16.22 FILING OF BRIEFS IN CAPITAL CASES

(a) - (b) [Unchanged.]

(c) A brief of appellant or respondent, ~~or~~ a brief in support of or opposition to a personal restraint petition, ~~shall not exceed 250 pages. A~~ reply brief, a pro se supplemental brief, or the response to a pro se supplemental brief, shall ~~not exceed 75 pages~~ comply with the length limitations in RAP 18.17.

(d) If legal arguments are included in a personal restraint petition or ~~if~~ in the response to a personal restraint petition, no separate brief may be filed. A petition or response that contains legal arguments may not exceed ~~300 pages~~ the length limitations in RAP 18.17. The petition or response shall comply with RAP 10.4(a) and 18.17.

(e) The clerk will retain but not formally file a brief, petition, or response that exceeds ~~these page limits~~ the length limitations of RAP 18.17, except on prior order of the court. Such an order will only be granted for compelling reasons. The clerk will not file a brief, petition, or response that violates the format requirements of RAP 10.4(a) and 18.17, if a properly formatted brief would violate the ~~page limits~~ length limitations. The clerk shall direct the party whose

document has been rejected for formal filing to correct the deficiencies within a specified time period.

~~(f) For the purpose of determining compliance with this rule, appendices, the title sheet, table of contents, and table of authorities are not included.~~

RAP 17.4 FILING AND SERVICE OF MOTION—ANSWER TO MOTION

(a) - (f) [Unchanged.]

(g) Length of Motion, Answer and Reply; Form of Papers and Number of Copies.

(1) A motion, and answer or reply should not exceed the length limitations in RAP 18.17. 20 pages, not including supporting papers. A reply should not exceed 10 pages, not including supporting papers, title sheets, table of contents, and table of authorities. For compelling reasons, the court may grant a motion to file an over-length motion, answer, or reply.

(2) All papers relating to motions or answers should comply with the formatting requirements of RAP 18.17 be filed in the form provided for briefs in rule 10.4(a), provided an original only and no copy should be filed. The appellate court commissioner or clerk will reproduce additional copies that may be necessary for the appellate court and charge the appropriate party as provided in rule 10.5(a).

RAP 18.13A ACCELERATED REVIEW OF JUVENILE DEPENDENCY DISPOSITION ORDERS, ORDERS TERMINATING PARENTAL RIGHTS, DEPENDENCY GUARDIANSHIP ORDERS, AND ORDERS ENTERED IN DEPENDENCY AND DEPENDENCY GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS

(a) - (g) [Unchanged.]

(h) Briefing. Unless directed otherwise in a ruling granting discretionary review of an interim order entered in dependency and dependency guardianship cases, parties shall file briefs in accordance with rules 10.3, ~~and 10.4,~~ and 18.17.

(i) - (k) [Unchanged.]

RAP 18.14 MOTION ON THE MERITS

(a) - (b) [Unchanged.]

(c) Content, Filing, and Service; Response. A motion on the merits should be a separate document and should not be included within a party's brief on the merits. The motion should comply with rule 17.3(a), except that material contained in a brief may be incorporated by reference and need not be repeated in the motion. A motion on the merits should not exceed the length limitations of RAP 18.17. 25 pages, excluding attachments. The motion should be filed and served as provided in rule 17.4. A response may be filed and served as provided in rule 17.4(e) and may incorporate material in a brief by reference. Requests for attorney fees are governed by rule 18.1.

(d) - (k) [Unchanged.]

[NEW] RAP 18.17

WORD LIMITATIONS, PREPARATION, AND FILING OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE COURT OF APPEALS AND SUPREME COURT

(a) Formatting Requirements. All documents covered by these rules, such as briefs, motions, petitions, responses, replies, answers, objections, statements of grounds for direct review and answers thereto, or statements of additional grounds for review, should conform to the following requirements:

(1) All documents filed with the appellate court should be printed or typed with margins of at least 2 inches on the left side and

1-1/2 inches on the right side and on the top and bottom. Documents submitted in electronic format should be submitted in .pdf format and follow the electronic filing instructions published by the court. Documents submitted in hard copy should be printed on 20-pound substance, 8-1/2-by-11-inch, white paper. Documents should not contain tabs, colored sheets of paper, or binding and should not be stapled.

(2) The text of all documents filed with the appellate court should be double spaced, except footnotes and block quotations, which may be single spaced. In a document produced using word processing software, all text, including footnotes and block quotations, should appear in 14 point serif font equivalent to Times New Roman or sans serif font equivalent to Arial. A document produced using a typewriter should appear in 12 point font or larger.

(b) **Certificate of Compliance.** All documents filed with the appellate court and produced using word processing software should contain a short statement above the signature line certifying the number of words contained in the document, exclusive of words contained in the appendices, the title sheet, the table of contents, the table of authorities, the certificate of compliance, the certificate of service, signature blocks, and pictorial images (e.g., photographs, maps, diagrams, and exhibits). The signor may rely on the word count calculation of the word processing software used to prepare the brief.

(c) **Length Limitations.** All documents filed with the appellate court should conform to the following length limitations unless the appellate court has granted permission to file an overlength document. The following length limitations are expressed as word limitations for documents produced using word processing software and as page limitations for documents produced by typewriter or written by hand. The word limitations exclude words in the appendices, the title sheet, the table of contents, the table of authorities, the certificate of compliance, the certificate of service, signature blocks, and pictorial images (e.g., photographs, maps, diagrams, and exhibits).

(1) Statements of grounds for direct review and answers to statements of grounds for direct review (RAP 4.2 or RAP 4.3): 4,000 words (word processing software) or 15 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(2) Briefs of appellants, petitioners, and respondents (RAP 10.4): 12,000 words (word processing software) or 50 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(3) Reply briefs of appellants (RAP 10.4): 6,000 words (word processing software) or 25 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(4) In cross appeals, briefs of appellants, briefs of respondents/cross appellants, and reply briefs of appellants/cross respondents (RAP 10.4): 12,000 words (word processing software) or 50 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(5) In cross-appeals, reply briefs of the cross appellants (RAP 10.4): 6,000 words (word processing software) or 25 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(6) Amicus briefs and answers to amicus briefs (RAP 10.4): 5,000 words (word processing software) or 20 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(7) Statements of additional grounds for review (RAP 10.10): 12,000 words (word processing software) or 50 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(8) Motions to reconsider a decision terminating review and answers and replies thereto (RAP 12.4): 6,000 words (word processing software) or 25 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(9) Amicus curiae memoranda and answers thereto (RAP 12.4 or RAP 13.4): 2,500 words (word processing software) or 10 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(10) Petitions for review, answers, and replies (RAP 13.4): 5,000 words (word processing software) or 20 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(11) Motions for discretionary review and responses thereto (RAP 13.5): 5,000 words (word processing software) or 20 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(12) Supplemental briefs (RAP 13.7): 5,000 words (word processing software) or 20 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(13) Personal restraint petitions (RAP 16.7): 12,000 words (word processing software) or 50 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(14) Briefs of appellants or respondents, and briefs in support of or opposition to a personal restraint petition submitted in capital cases (RAP 16.22): 60,000 words (word processing software) or 250 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(15) Personal restraint petitions that contain legal argument filed in capital cases (RAP 16.22): 72,000 words (word processing software) or 300 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(16) Reply briefs, pro se supplemental briefs, and responses to pro se supplemental briefs filed in capital cases (RAP 16.22): 18,000 words (word processing software) or 75 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(17) Motions and answers (RAP 17.4): 5,000 words (word processing software) or 20 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

(18) Replies to answers to motions (RAP 17.4): 2,500 words (word processing software) or 10 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

Motions on the merits (RAP 18.14): 6,000 words (word processing software) or 25 pages (typewriter or handwritten).

Proposed Amendments to:

RAP Form 3
 RAP Form 4
 RAP Form 6
 RAP Form 9
 RAP Form 17
 RAP Form 18
 RAP Form 20
 RAP Form 23

FORM 3. Motion for Discretionary Review

Title Page: [Unchanged.]

A. - E. [Unchanged.]

F. CONCLUSION

[State the relief sought if review is granted. For example: "This court should accept review for the reasons indicated in Part E and modify the restraining order to permit defendant to use her assets to pay fees and costs incurred in defending plaintiff's suit for conversion."]

[If the petition is prepared using word processing software, include the following statement: This document contains _____ words, excluding the parts of the document exempted from the word count by RAP 18.17.]

[Date]

Respectfully submitted,

Signature
[Name of petitioner's attorney]

APPENDIX

[Unchanged.]

FORM 4. Statement of Grounds for Direct Review

[Rule 4.2(b)]

No. [Supreme Court]

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

[Title of trial court) STATEMENT OF GROUNDS
proceeding with) FOR DIRECT REVIEW BY
parties) THE SUPREME COURT
designated as in rule)
3.4)

[Name of party] seeks direct review of the [describe the decision or part of the decision that the party wants reviewed] entered by the [name of court] on [date of entry]. The issues presented in the review are: [State issues presented for review. See Part II of Form 6 for suggestions for framing issues presented for review.]

The reasons for granting direct review are: [Briefly indicate and argue grounds for direct review. See rule 4.2.]

[If the petition is prepared using word processing software, include the following statement: This document contains _____ words, excluding the parts of the document exempted from the word count by RAP 18.17.]

[Date]

Respectfully submitted,

Signature
[Name, address, telephone number, and Washington State Bar Association membership number of attorney]

FORM 6. Brief of Appellant

[Title Page] [Unchanged.]
TABLE OF CONTENTS [Unchanged.]
TABLE OF AUTHORITIES [unchanged.]
I. - v. [Unchanged.]

VI. CONCLUSION

[Here state the precise relief sought.]

[If the petition is prepared using word processing software, include the following statement: This document contains _____ words, excluding the parts of the document exempted from the word count by RAP 18.17.]

[Date]

Respectfully submitted,

Signature
[Name of Attorney]
Attorney for [Appellant, Respondent, or Petitioner]

Washington State Bar Association membership number

VII. [Unchanged.]

FORM 9. Petition for Review

[Title Page]: [Unchanged.]

TABLE OF CONTENTS [Unchanged.]

TABLE OF AUTHORITIES [Unchanged.]

A. - E. [unchanged.]

F. CONCLUSION

[State the relief sought if review is granted. See Part F of Form

3.]

[If the petition is prepared using word processing software, include the following statement: This document contains _____ words, excluding the parts of the document exempted from the word count by RAP 18.17.]

(Date)

Respectfully submitted,

Signature

[Name of attorney]

Attorney for [Petitioner or Respondent]

Washington State Bar Association membership number

APPENDIX

[Unchanged.]

FORM 17. Personal Restraint Petition for Person Confined by State or Local Government

[Title and Caption] [Unchanged.]

A. - D. [Unchanged.]

E. OATH OF PETITIONER

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
County of _____)

After being first duly sworn, on oath, I depose and say: That I am the petitioner, that I have read the petition, know its contents, and I believe the petition is true.

[sign here]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this ___ day of _____.

Notary Public in and for the State
of Washington, residing at _____

If a notary is not available, explain why none is available and indicate who can be contacted to help you find a notary: _____

Then sign below:

I declare that I have examined this petition and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true and correct.

[If the petition is prepared using word processing software, include the following statement: This petition contains _____ words, excluding the parts of the document exempted from the word count by RAP 18.17.]

_____ [date].

_____ [sign here]

FORM 18. Motion

[Title Page]: [Unchanged.]

1. - 3. [Unchanged.]

4. GROUNDS FOR RELIEF AND ARGUMENT

[Here state the grounds for the relief sought with authority and supporting argument. For example: "RAP 3.2(a) authorizes substitution of parties when the interest of a party in the subject matter of the review has been transferred. Substitution should be granted here as defendant has no claim against plaintiff-respondent and respondent no longer has an interest in the judgment which is the subject matter of this appeal".]

[If the petition is prepared using word processing software, include the following statement: This document contains _____ words, excluding the parts of the document exempted from the word count by RAP 18.17.]

[Date]

Respectfully submitted,

Signature
Attorney for [Appellant, Respondent,
or Petitioner]
[Name, address, telephone number, and
Washington State Bar Association
membership number of attorney]

FORM 20. Motion To Modify Ruling

[Caption and Header] [Unchanged.]

1. - 3. [Unchanged.]

4. GROUNDS FOR RELIEF AND ARGUMENT

[Here state the grounds for relief sought with authority and supporting argument. The grounds for relief set forth in the original motion may be incorporated by reference.]

[If the petition is prepared using word processing software, include the following statement: This document contains _____ words, excluding the parts of the document exempted from the word count by RAP 18.17.]

[Date]

Respectfully submitted,

Signature
Attorney for [Appellant, Respondent,
or Petitioner]
[Name, address, telephone number, and
Washington State Bar Association
membership number of attorney]

Form 23

[Header and Caption] [Unchanged.]

Additional Ground 1 [Unchanged.]

Additional Ground 2 [Unchanged.]

If there are additional grounds, a brief summary is attached to this statement.

[If the petition is prepared using word processing software, include the following statement: This statement contains _____ words, excluding the parts of the document exempted from the word count by RAP 18.17.]

Date: _____ Signature: _____