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Hello,

I am a family law attorney and pro tem commissioner in King County. I appear on and preside over CPO calendars frequently. I am writing with feedback regarding the proposed changes to LFLR 12.

sub-part (d), (e), (g), (h): Is this intended to eliminate live testimony? If so, this is a major issue on the CPO calendar, where so many parties are pro se. Many parties just show up for the hearing and want to proceed by testifying. This is typically more equitable than continuing the hearing to allow the party to file a written response (to list a few possible reasons: parties may not have access to computers, or the ability to take another day off to come to court, or be fluent writers in English), not to mention the implications for judicial economy and the statutory presumption against delay.

If this is *not* intended to eliminate live testimony, these sections may need to be reworked to make this clear.

sub-part (e)(1)(C):

- A supplemental declaration from the petitioner (i.e. filed after the petition but before a response is filed) should be explicitly allowed. Allowing a declaration in support of a petition to be either part of the petition or separate effectively allows this, but does not make it clear. Supplemental declarations are very common and often necessary.

- Three pages is not sufficient for a reply declaration, particularly if response declarations are not limited at all. Responses can and do cover topics far beyond the allegations in the petition, and it is unfair to limit petitioners' replies so sharply. This is particularly true in the case of pro se petitioners (and doubly so if the respondent is represented).

Thank you for considering my comments.

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