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New Hampshire Supreme Court
1 Charles Doe Drive
Concord, NH 03301

Via e-filing

Re: R-2023-0008, Proposals to the Rules of Criminal Procedure Rules 1-19

Chief Justice Macdonald and Justices:

The Carroll County Attorney's Office thanks you for taking consideration of comments concerning the proposed changes to Rules 1 through 19 of the New Hampshire Rules of Criminal Procedure.

We agree with comments made by Paul Halvorsen, that the proposed rules have a substantial risk of prompting increased litigation, may negatively impact court operation and docket management at both the Circuit Court and Superior Court levels and in some instances appear to run afoul of jurisdictional limits imposed by statutes.

The Carroll County Attorney's Office endorses the comments and their attachments made by Merrimack County Attorney Paul Halvorsen, and those made by Steven Endres from the Merrimack County Attorney's Office.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Blair", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Keith Blair,
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