

## RULE 4.11 MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING

### Comments

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SCPDA requests that this rule be rescinded. There was an effort, I thought an agreement, to rescind the rule prior to Judge Fair and Krese retiring. This was conceived when there were significant delays in jail competency hearings and when the jail's medical administrator had a PhD and was arguably met RCW qualifications to conduct competency evaluations.

The rule requires attorneys to file mental health evaluations with the court. The rule should direct that these reports be filed under seal by the clerk to protect confidential health care data associated with the reports.