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sought only their personal convenience, could find many, many more pleasant ways to spend their time than discussing whether or not an attorney should be reinstated. Those things all show that we are a part of the government in its most vital aspect. I think that this particular viewpoint was most ably portrayed by the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court last spring when addressing the meeting of the American Law Institute. He said this:

“The success of democratic institutions lies in the success of the processes of reason as opposed to the tyranny of force. Between these society must choose. If society chooses the processes of reason, it must maintain the institutions which embody those processes. Institutions for the exercise of the law-making power and for the execution of laws must have their fitting complement in institutions for the interpretation and application of laws, for the safeguarding of individual rights, through a competent and independent judiciary. The firm and true administration of justice is thus the primary concern of civilized society. That administration must find its ultimate assurance, not in statutes or forms, but in the sentiment of a free people—themselves tolerant and reasonable and keenly alive to the necessity of maintaining the instrumentalities for the impartial determination of controversies.” I thank you.

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The Association of Superior Court Judges at its meeting in Bellingham in August adopted the following general rules relating to practice in all Superior Courts throughout the state:

“In all cases where a party has appeared in an action through an attorney the judge will not sign any orders or judgments in such action unless such orders or judgments are presented by such attorney of record, or unless they bear the approval of such attorney for the party for whose benefit such order or judgment is being presented. If the order or decree is presented *by an attorney* on behalf of a party to a divorce action who did not appear in the original action such order or judgment must bear the approval of the attorney of record, or an affidavit setting forth the service of such order or judgment has been made upon the attorney of record for the prevailing party at least three days prior to the presentation of the order.”

Amend Rule 5, General Rules, so that the last paragraph of same shall read as follows:

“The Court shall hear no default divorce case until the judgment fee has been paid and the receipt of the clerk tendered to the Court with the proposed decree before a witness is sworn. If the decree is granted, the proposed form shall be signed by the Court as amended and immediately handed to the clerk for the record.”