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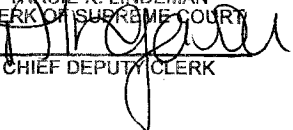
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TRACIE K. LINDEMAN
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
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Re: ADKT 0499, Hearing Scheduled on November 2, 2015

Dear Tracie K. Lindeman:

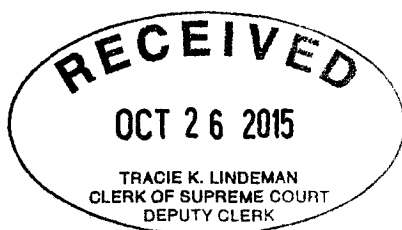
We are writing to express our support of the CLE Board's proposed funding changes for accredited providers, as outlined in the proposed business plan set forth at Attachment 3 to the September 15, 2015 Report of the Study Committee. Specifically, we support a fee exemption for non-profit and governmental agencies that do not charge attorneys for attendance at CLE programs. We would request that the exemption be applied to all fees (including provider annual fees, application fees, per credit hour per attorney fees, and fees for attorneys seeking credit for programs offered by non-Nevada providers for non-profit and governmental agencies that do not charge attorneys for attendance, among others.)

We believe the quality of the CLE programs we offer - at an expense to us but not to any attendees - would benefit from this exemption. Without it, we would not be in a financial position to continue to offer the number of high quality CLEs currently provided statewide to the Nevada criminal defense bar.

Sincerely,



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