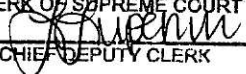


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RE: Public Comment on ADKT 0553 (proposed amendment to NRAP 21)

Dear Ms. Brown,

Please inform the Court that I support amending NRAP 21 to include page/word limits for writ petitions, any answer or reply thereto, and any supporting amicus brief. However, I suggest that such size limits correspond to those found in NRAP 29 and 32. Specifically, I believe the following lengths are appropriate:

Petition: 30 pages or 14,000 words
Answer: 30 pages or 14,000 words
Reply: 15 pages or 7,000 words
Amicus brief: 15 pages or 7,000 words

While I appreciate, respect and agree that writ petitions impose a heavy burden on the appellate courts' limited resources, they also tend to involve complex issues of law or fact that warrant thorough discussion and analysis. They play an important role in developing the Court's jurisprudence and expanding the breadth and depth of Nevada law. Indeed, many of the Court's recent published opinions involved a writ petition. *See, e.g., Chur v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 7 (February 27, 2020); *Gathrite v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 135 Nev. Adv. Op. 54 (November 7, 2019); *Bd. of Parole Comm'rs v. Dist. Ct.*, 135 Nev. Adv. Op. 53 (Oct. 24, 2019); *McNamee v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 135 Nev. Adv. Op. 52 (Oct. 17, 2019); *Bd. of Architecture v. Dist. Ct.*, 135 Nev. Adv. Op. 49 (Oct. 3, 2019); *Andersen v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 135 Nev. Adv. Op. 42 (Sep 12, 2019).

For this reason, I respectfully believe the length limits that already exist for briefs are appropriate in the writ petition context as well.

Sincerely,



Debbie Leonard

