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| IN THE MATTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT )<br>OF ALTERNATIVES TO TRADITIONAL )<br>LITIGATION FOR RESOLVING LEGAL )<br>DISPUTES ) | ADKT 126 |
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PETITION TO APPOINT STUDY COMMITTEE

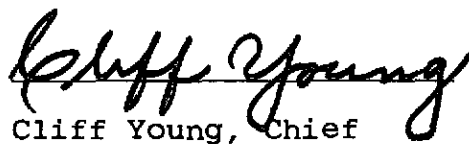
Comes now Cliff Young, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada, and petitions the court as follows:

1. Nevada's expanding population has resulted in increasing caseloads for the courts of this state.
2. The congested court dockets cause delays in the processing of cases in the judicial system, and have also resulted in increasing costs to persons who desire to settle their disputes through traditional judicial processes.
3. The delays attendant to the judicial process have undermined the public's confidence in the ability of the judicial system to resolve civil disputes in an acceptable manner. The increasing costs of traditional litigation also discourage many people from either defending against spurious claims or seeking redress for their injuries.
4. The sixty-fifth session of the Nevada Legislature passed S.C.R. 46 establishing a subcommittee of the Legislative Commission to study alternative methods of resolving disputes. The subcommittee must report its findings and recommendations to the sixty-sixth session of the Nevada Legislature.
5. The work of the subcommittee established by S.C.R. 46 directly affects the operation and management of the court system. Thus, cooperation between the legislative and judicial

branches of government is needed to address the problems of costs and delays in the court system.

WHEREFORE, petitioner asks this court to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of adopting procedures for resolving civil disputes in the State of Nevada without traditional litigation. The primary task of the committee will be to work with the subcommittee of the Legislative Commission to develop a comprehensive system of statutes and court rules that will alleviate the burdensome costs and delays that currently plague the judicial system.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cliff Young, Chief  
Justice