

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW OF  
ISSUES CONCERNING  
REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT  
DEFENDANTS IN CRIMINAL AND  
JUVENILE DELIQUENCY CASES.

ADKT No. 411

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CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER ESTABLISHING STUDY COMMITTEE  
ON REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Nevada Rules on the Administrative Docket, and in response to the Nevada Supreme Court's concerns about the current processes for providing indigent defendants in criminal and juvenile delinquency cases with counsel and whether the attorneys appointed are providing quality and effective representation, we hereby create a study committee to be known as the Indigent Defense Commission. The Commission shall conduct hearings and study the issues and concerns arising from the various methods used across Nevada to appoint counsel to represent those who cannot afford a lawyer, to select counsel, to compensate counsel, to establish the qualifications and experience of the attorneys appointed, and other related issues, and, in light of those considerations, recommend to this court appropriate changes to the current processes.

Further, the individuals listed on Exhibit A are hereby appointed as members of the Indigent Defense Commission and Associate Justice Michael A. Cherry shall serve as chair of the Commission. The

method and approach for the Commission's investigations shall be determined by the Commission.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

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Maupin

Gibbons, J.  
Gibbons

Hardesty, J.  
Hardesty

Parraguirre, J.  
Parraguirre

Douglas, J.  
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