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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada Supreme Court

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FROM: Jeffrey M. Wells, Assistant County Manager

DATE: September 3, 2008

SUBJECT: Clark County's Status Report on the Caseload Study

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Pursuant to the Court's ADKT 411 Order of March 21, 2008, the following is a status report on the Weighted Caseload Study for the Clark County Public Defender's Office:

- Completed
  - On July 3, 2008, Clark and Washoe Counties entered into an agreement with the Spangenberg Group to conduct a Weighted Caseload Study for the Public Defender's Office in each County.
  - The Spangenberg Group has been to Clark County on two occasions.
  - During their last visit to Clark County, 6 members of the Spangenberg team met with about 20 team chiefs to work on coding lists and time-keeping systems. Additionally, they met with County staff, members of the Judiciary and other local stakeholders.
  - Time-keeping was initially scheduled to begin on September 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - On September 2, 2008, the Spangenberg Group asked for a delay in order to finalize the coding list and to finish the development of time-keeping materials, including a dedicated website and instruction manual.

- Next Steps
  - It is anticipated that the development of time-keeping materials will be completed by the end of this month.
  - Once the initial coding list is completed, the Spangenberg Group will then conduct a week-long pilot test to ensure that the time-keeping process will run smoothly.
  - After the pilot test, the Spangenberg Group will return to Clark County to train all Public Defender staff on how to utilize the website for time tracking.
  - Time-keeping is scheduled to run for 12 weeks.
  - Once the time-keeping period is over the Spangenberg Group will take 3 to 4 months for data analysis and report preparation.

Due to the delays in the Weighted Caseload Study process to date, and because Clark County desires to provide the Spangenberg Group with the amount of time the Group is requesting for both the time-keeping phase as well as the analytical phase of its study, it is clear that the report will not be ready by January 1, 2009, as directed by the Court in its Order of March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Accordingly, Clark County would respectfully request that the delivery date of the completed report be delayed until May 15, 2009.