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Chief Justice Mark Gibbons  
Nevada Supreme Court  
201 South Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4702

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TRACIE A. LINDEMAN  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY *[Signature]*  
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RE: ADKT No. 411  
Henderson Municipal Court  
Plan for Indigent Defense

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Should the Justices have any questions regarding the Administrative Plan, both myself and/or Chief Judge Diana Hampton, would be pleased to address them with the Court. We can be contacted at 702-267-3359.

Sincerely,

David Hayward  
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