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RE: ADKT 424

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Dear Ms. Lindeman:

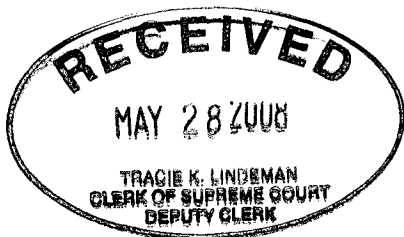
At its most recent meeting, the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada ("Board of Governors") voted unanimously to support the adoption of a uniform rule to govern telephonic and audiovisual participation in all courts in the State of Nevada. Please accept this letter as written comment by the Board of Governors in connection with the public hearing on ADKT 424, set for Monday, June 2, 2008.

In order to streamline with modern technology and reduce litigation costs, the Nevada Supreme Court should allow litigants and counsel the ability to participate in court proceedings by telephonic or audiovisual means. This is particularly applicable to our rural courts, where distance and remoteness can present significant obstacles. The Board of Governors encourages our court system to make greater use of such technology to conduct conferences, hearings and other proceedings.

Currently a limited number of state judges permit telephonic or audiovisual appearances by counsel or parties on a regular basis. However, the practice is not consistent between judicial districts or among courts in the same judicial district. Other states have similar rules and the federal courts have also allowed telephonic participation in hearings. A uniform rule for participation in civil, criminal and family law courts would provide consistent and efficient access for all litigants and Nevada attorneys.

The Board of Governors supports ADKT 424 and this Court's efforts to provide efficient and cost-effective access to our justice system through the adoption of a uniform rule.

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