

May 31, 2022

Chief Justice Ron Parraguirre Nevada Supreme Court 201 South Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701-4702

Re: ADKT 0479: Amendments to SCR 216(1)(a)

Dear Chief Justice Parraguirre:

Thank you for allowing the Nevada Bar Foundation to provide comment on this petition, which would direct specific disbursement of IOLTA funds to civil legal aid providers approved by the Access to Justice Commission. The Nevada Bar Foundation is the organization responsible for administering the statewide IOLTA program and over the past seven years, has granted more than \$23 million in IOLTA funds serving Nevadans in need of civil legal needs.

Since assuming the IOLTA program, the Nevada Bar Foundation has valued the cooperation and feedback provided by the Access to Justice Commission and has adopted annually the recommended distributions of IOLTA funding to specific legal aid providers. The Foundation values this collaboration as it ensures equitable delivery of available funds to statewide civil legal aid programs. The Foundation supports the proposed amendments to SCR 216 which would formalize this process.

We thank the Court for its time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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Margaret Wightman Lambrose President, Nevada Bar Foundation

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