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RE: ADKT 0499, Response to March 29, 2016, State of Nevada Board of

Please accept this letter as a follow-up response from the Clark County Bar Association (CCBA) regarding the proposed amendments to Supreme Court Rule 207, and the related December 8, 2015 public hearing and the State of Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education's response of March 29, 2016.

The CCBA remains concerned regarding item five, Exemptions for Non-Profit CLE Providers. As currently drafted the item states, "[i]f a nonprofit or government entity is presenting a course and charging a fee to attendees, then such entity would not be exempt from the application or per credit fees for that course. However, nonprofits and government entities offering courses at no charge to the attendees (including a course where the charge is for the sole purpose of covering food and drink) would be exempt from the application and per credit fee." The CCBA urges the Court to adopt a modified version of item five, that creates an exemption from the new sponsor-based funding model for non-profit organizations that collect attendance fees from attorneys attending their CLE seminars. The requested exemption would waive, or substantially reduce, the proposed annual fee and the proposed per person credit fee, for non-profit organizations like the CCBA. This would allow the CCBA to continue providing substantial benefits to its members in the form of low cost CLEs, while also preserving its ability to continue to fund important community service events with the minimal revenue generated by the CLE fees. The CCBA has not increased the CLE fees charged per credit hour since 2000 and they are among the lowest of any Nevada CLE provider. The CCBA charges seminar attendees \$25 per credit hour for members and \$45 per credit hour for non-members. As such, the proposed amendments to Supreme Court Rule 207, as currently written, stand to greatly impact the budget of this organization, and other similarly situated non-profit organizations.

In summary, the CCBA respectfully requests the proposed annual fee, as well as the per person credit fee be waived or substantially reduced for non-profit accredited sponsors who charge for CLE seminars. The CCBA appreciates your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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