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ELIZABETH A. BROWN  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY: *[Signature]*  
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Re: ADKT 0519; In the Matter of Amendment to SCR 81 Regarding the Board of Governors, Election of Members

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is submitted in support of the Amended Petition of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada in the above-referenced matter on the Court's administrative docket. Please forward it to the justices.

I had the privilege and the pleasure of serving on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada from 2005 through 2013, and I had the additional privilege and pleasure of serving as the President of the State Bar of Nevada in my eighth and final year on the Board of Governors. I was fortunate in that I was not the victim of "lateral compression," created by other members of the Board confronting lifetime service limits also seeking the opportunity to serve as president.

I witnessed an unfortunate instance of this phenomenon in 2007 when Kathy England and Dara Goldsmith were both seeking election as Vice-President to move through the chairs and become President of the Bar for the 2009-2010 bar year. By 2007, I had already been on the Board long enough to recognize that both Kathy and Dara were extremely competent and deeply committed to furthering the Bar's mission. Although Kathy did an excellent job as President, there was a lost opportunity when the Bar was deprived of Dara's leadership as well. I support the Board of Governors' Amended Petition because it will prevent the Board of Governors from having to "choose" between highly qualified and committed candidates and thus deprive the Bar of the leadership of one of those candidates.



Thank you for your attention and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis C. Flaherty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Francis C. Flaherty

cc: Bryan K. Scott, Esq.  
Kim Farmer