

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS  
TO SCR 15 REGARDING  
MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION OF  
THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT  
ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION.

ADKT 537

**FILED**

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ELIZABETH A. BROWN  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY *[Signature]*  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

*ORDER AMENDING SUPREME COURT RULE 15*

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2018, the Honorable Michael L. Douglas, Chief Justice, and the Honorable James W. Hardesty, Associate Justice, of the Nevada Supreme Court and co-chairpersons of the Access to Justice Commission (Commission) filed a petition in this court seeking to amend Supreme Court Rule 15 regarding the composition of the Commission.

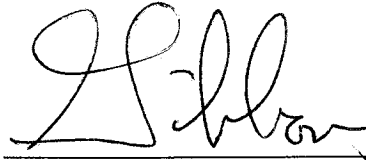
WHEREAS, this court has determined that amendment of Supreme Court Rule 15 is warranted; accordingly,

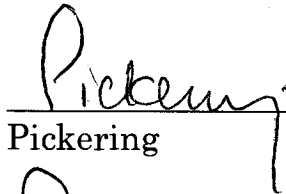
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Supreme Court Rule 15 shall be amended and shall read as set forth in Exhibit A.

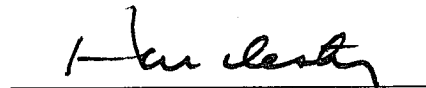
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendments to Supreme Court Rule 15 shall be effective 30 days from the date of this order. The clerk of this court shall cause a notice of entry of this order to be published in the official publication of the State Bar of Nevada. Publication of this order shall be accomplished by the clerk disseminating copies of this order to all subscribers of the advance sheets of the Nevada Reports and all persons and agencies listed in NRS 2.345, and to the executive director of the State Bar of Nevada. The certificate of the clerk of this court as to the accomplishment of the above-described publication of notice of entry and

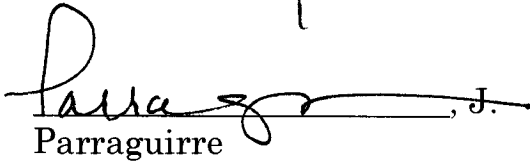
dissemination of this order shall be conclusive evidence of the adoption and publication of the foregoing rule amendment.

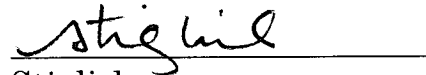
Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019


  
C.J.  
Gibbons

  
Pickering, J.

  
Hardesty, J.

  
Parraguirre, J.

  
Stiglich, J.

  
Cadish, J.

  
Silver, J.

cc: Richard J. Pocker, President, State Bar of Nevada  
Kimberly Farmer, Executive Director, State Bar of Nevada  
All District Court Judges  
Clark County Bar Association  
Washoe County Bar Association  
First Judicial District Bar Association  
Administrative Office of the Courts

**EXHIBIT A**  
**AMENDMENT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 15**

**Rule 15. Commission on Access to Justice.**

1. **Creation, purpose.** The supreme court shall appoint a commission on access to justice. The commission shall:

(a) Assess current and future needs for civil legal services for persons of limited means in Nevada.

(b) Develop statewide policies designed to support and improve the delivery of legal services.

(c) Improve self-help services and opportunities for proper person litigants and increase pro bono activities.

(d) Develop programs to increase public awareness of the impact that limited access to justice has on other government services and on society.

(e) Investigate the availability of and pursue increased public and private financing to support legal services organizations and other efforts to provide legal services to persons of limited means.

(f) Recommend legislation or rules affecting access to justice to the supreme court.

2. **Composition.** The access to justice commission shall be ~~[staffed by an executive director and]~~ composed of the chief justice of the supreme court or the chief justice's designate and the following members, to be appointed by the supreme court to ~~[four-year]~~ two-year terms:

(a) One district judge each from the Second and the Eighth Judicial District Courts. At least one of those judges must be assigned to the family division of the district court.

(b) One **[additional]** district judge to be selected from the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, or Ninth Judicial District Courts.

(c) One limited jurisdiction judge, who shall serve as liaison to the Nevada Judges **[Association.]** of Limited Jurisdiction.

(d) One public attorney representative designated by the Nevada Attorney General.

(e) One representative each from the **[Southern Nevada Senior Law Program,]** Legal Aid Center of Southern **[Nevada/Pro Bono Project,]** Nevada, Nevada Legal Services, Southern Nevada Senior Law Program, Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans, Washoe Legal Services, and the designated tax exempt bar foundation pursuant to SCR [216, Nevada Legal Services, Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans/Domestic Violence Project, the Washoe County Senior Law Project, and Washoe Legal Services/Pro Bono Project.] 216.

(f) One representative each from the Clark County Bar Association, the State Bar of **[Nevada,]** Nevada Board of Governors, [the State Bar of Nevada Young Lawyers Section, and] the Washoe County Bar **[Association.]** Association, and a rural County Bar Association.

(g) One student representative of the Public Interest Law Association or the State Bar of Nevada Young Lawyers Section, and one faculty representative from the William S. Boyd School of Law of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, designated by the dean. **[Individual appointments under this subsection may be rotated in less than four-year terms.]**

(h) **[Two]** Five persons who are not members of the legal **[profession.]** profession, unless appointed under (i).subsection 2(i) of this rule.

(i) **[Three]** Two at-large representatives. **[Appointments under this subsection may be rotated in less than four-year terms as the]** The

Commission [~~deems~~] shall make appointments under this subsection as deemed necessary and proper to facilitate [diversity] diversity, including statewide regional representation, other bar representation (e.g., specialty or Federal federal, etc.), address trends in access to justice, and fulfill the Commission's purpose.

The commission may appoint [~~nonvoting members, including, but not limited to, judges and representatives from other direct service providers, county bar associations, and neighborhood pro bono projects.~~] additional members, voting or non-voting, as deemed necessary and proper to facilitate the maximum effectiveness of the Commission. Subcommittees comprised of voting and non-voting members may be appointed at the discretion of the Chairchair.

3. **Meetings.** The commission shall meet at least semi-annually and shall have additional meetings, as the commission deems appropriate. The commission may form separate subcommittees to address specific issues.