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Honorable Chief Justice Pickering  
Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court  
201 S. Carson  
Carson City NV 89701

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ELIZABETH A. BROWN  
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BY *[Signature]*  
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Re: CLE ADKT

Dear Honorable Justices:

You asked during the hearing last Thursday if there were any Ask-A-Lawyer events that were not put on by the Pro Bono programs of the legal aid organizations. As I testified at the hearing, there are occasional Ask-A-Lawyer events that are sponsored by other organizations.

In the experience of Nevada Legal Services, these have all taken place in the rural towns. We do get calls from County Agencies that provide services to low-income Nevadans asking if we would come out and conduct an Ask-A-Lawyer in their communities. These Ask-A-Lawyers are always scheduled while the Agency itself is conducting an outreach for their own services. The Agencies like to have us there so that clients don't have to go to more than once place to get help or don't have to wait to be seen by us if the Agency personnel see that the client needs our help with something. These are always great opportunities because the turnout for the Ask-A-Lawyer is always higher than if we were having an event on our own. The Agency is responsible for advertising the event and getting the space. Our Pro Bono Program recruits attorneys to attend and our staff attorneys will also attend. That way we have all possible areas of need covered and are able to give assistance. The Agencies that call most frequently are the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program and the County Social Services or County Elder Services Departments. All clients that are seen by our Pro Bono attorneys and staff attorneys have intakes completed and they are entered into our Case Management System. NLS does record in the Case Management System each event, the names of the attorneys that attend, and how many hours the attorneys spend at the event.

Nevada Legal Services would like to see these Ask-A-Lawyer events count as Pro Bono events under the ADKT and we do approve that language that has been circulated to the programs. As my Board Chair, John Courtney testified, NLS has to keep and report all Pro Bono-related statistics to report to our funders and adding one more entity to report to does not cause us any extra work or burden.

Sincerely,

**Nevada Legal Services**

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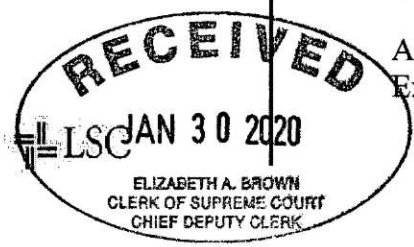
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