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RE: Support for ADKT 0611

Dear Justices of the Supreme Court,

I support proposed Rule 49.5 **with the amendment** because it would reduce the shortage of indigent defense representation in rural areas and throughout the state. With the appropriate supervision contemplated by the Rule, law school graduates awaiting bar passage could provide valuable help to indigent persons while gaining experience and aiding public defender and other legal services organizations. By giving law school graduates exposure to different parts of Nevada prior to committing to a long-term relocation, moreover, the Rule could reap the added long-term benefit of increasing the number of newer attorneys settling in rural areas of the state.

Sincerely,

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