

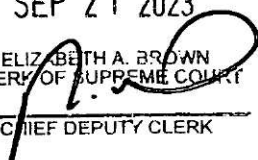
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Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court of Nevada  
c/o Elizabeth A. Brown  
Clerk of the Supreme Court  
201 South Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701-4702

SEP 21 2023  
ELIZABETH A. BROWN  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY   
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RE: Written Comment Regarding Petition and Amendment to Petition Filed by Associate  
Chief Justice Elissa F. Cadish, Co-Chair of the Access to Justice Commission, Regarding  
Adoption of Supreme Court Rule 49.5 (ADKT 0611)

Dear Honorable Members of the Supreme Court of Nevada:

Pursuant to the Court's August 15, 2023, Order Scheduling Public Hearing regarding the  
above-referenced matter, we write in support of ADKT 0611, a petition seeking the adoption of  
Supreme Court Rule 49.5 filed on July 27, 2023, and the Amendment to Petition filed on  
September 15, 2023.

As the Director of the Externship Program and Assistant Dean of Career Development at the  
William S. Boyd School of Law, we assist students who seek employment opportunities and  
experiential opportunities in judicial, government, and public interest placements. These  
opportunities allow students to learn about the practice of law in real world settings and begin  
to develop their professional identity as future lawyers. We also work with terrific community  
partners who supervise and mentor law students, including legal aid providers and public  
defender and district attorney offices throughout our state, so we are acutely aware of the  
challenges these offices have with regard to hiring and retaining lawyers.

ADKT 6011 recognizes and addresses this pipeline issue and the related issue of the need to  
provide legal assistance to indigent Nevada citizens by allowing law school graduates to work  
with qualified employers (i.e., legal aid providers and public defender and district attorney  
offices in Nevada's rural counties) prior to obtaining a license to practice law. Therefore, we  
support the adoption of the Petition and the Amendment to Petition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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Director of Externships



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