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Elizabeth A. Brown Clerk of the Supreme Court 201 South Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701 via email: nvscclerk@nvcourts.nv.gov

RE: In the Matter of the Adoption of Supreme Court Rule 49.5 - ADKT 0611

Dear Clerk Brown,

The Nevada District Attorneys Association (NDAA) is in full support of the proposed amendment for adoption of Supreme Court Rule 49.5 allowing application for limited practice for certain qualified law school graduates to become employed as a deputy district attorney or deputy public defender, or the county equivalent of such an office, in a county whose population is fewer than 100,000 persons.

The rural district attorney offices continue to experience difficulty in recruiting and hiring attorneys to fill vacancies throughout the state. The adoption of Proposed Supreme Court Rule 49.5 attached as Exhibit A to the original Petition will give both rural district attorneys and indigent defense services an additional recruiting tool to fill both prosecutor and defense attorney positions within the fifteen rural counties.

The NDAA thanks Associate Chief Justice Elissa F. Cadish and the members of the Access to Justice Commission for supporting the proposed amendments to Supreme Court Rule 49.5 as submitted by Marcie Ryba, Director of the State of Nevada Department of Indigent Defense Services. I plan to attend the hearing on ADKT 0611 on October 2, 2023 at the Nevada Supreme Court Courtroom in Carson City and will be available for additional comments or to answer questions.

Sincerely

Mark B. Jackson President, NDAA

Marcie Ryba, DIDS Director