

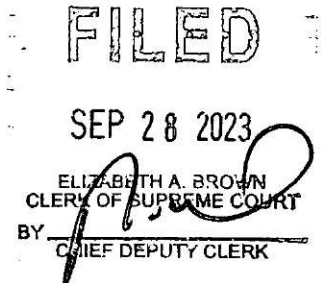
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Humboldt County, Nevada



September 22, 2023

Nevada Supreme Court  
Attn: Elizabeth A. Brown, Clerk of the Supreme Court  
201 South Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701



**RE: ADKT 0611, with the amendment**

Dear Justices of the Nevada Supreme Court and Ms. Brown,

Humboldt County has been at the forefront of providing a high level of indigent defense services in Nevada for decades and are constantly looking for ways to improve those services. As such, Humboldt County is in support of the introduction of ADKT0611 for the adoption of SCR 49.5 and we are fully supportive of the adoption of this proposed rule and amendment.

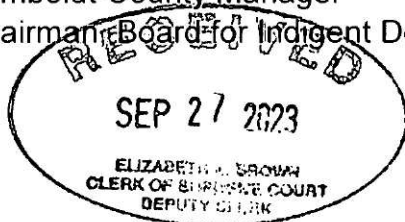
Every county in Nevada provides for public defense of indigent persons. As you know, in Nevada, Counties fund an agreed upon portion for these services (maximum contribution formula), with the State of Nevada funding any additional mandates or costs to deliver public defense.

Currently, all levels of government, especially our rural communities, are suffering from a critical shortage of professionals that can be employed in these public interest areas. This proposed rule change, with the amendment proposed by the Department of Indigent Defense Services (DIDS), could assist in increasing the pipeline of eager professionals interested in public service. It would be a welcomed recruitment tool for helping rural counties staff their district attorney and public defender offices.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out directly to myself via email: [dave.mendiola@humboldtcountynv.gov](mailto:dave.mendiola@humboldtcountynv.gov)

Sincerely,

Dave Mendiola  
Humboldt County Manager  
Chairman, Board for Indigent Defense Services



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