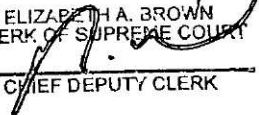


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Brain studies reveal that to be creative, we human beings need support physically, mentally, emotionally, and intuitively==the basic foundation that we all need to be able to succeed. **Source: "Growing up Gifted" (Clark, 2012, Prentice Hall).**

Our decades-old Nevada legal deserts need more attorneys.

ADKT 616 hopefully can be a creative start to end our legal drought for we surely need to have balanced scales in our legal system. At least it can be a drop of refreshing water to heal the legal consciousness of inequality that has kept us down, not lifted us up, in my opinion.

May this petition also add that those attorneys who serve indigents reveal to their clients that **they are doing service under this special provision... thus giving notice that they have not passed the Nevada Bar.**

May the scales become truly balanced for our Nevada poor, emotionally and mentally challenged, and for all persons who also suffer from physical disabilities inside our jails and prisons.

To become creative, this special population must be incarcerated no longer than necessary. That means excellent representation. Why? Because confinement does not inspire. It can break us apart.

Hopefully all will come out better than they went in through proper representation.

New compassionate individuals, attorneys allowed to practice in this program may enliven hope and create better lives for the special population that they serve in our NV criminal justice system, as well as for themselves..

Thanks to all, to everyone, who try to help others in this crucial endeavor.

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