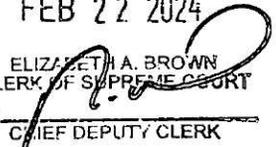


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Good afternoon Madam Clerk,

I would like to write in and express my support for the proposed rule changes in the Board of Governor's Petition filed in ADKT 0618. The changes provided will allow parties easier access to quality representation when family law matters implicate complex ICWA issues. This would not only benefit the parties seeking representation, but it would also benefit the Courts in seeking to make legally correct determinations in a type of case wherein incorrect decisions could prove costly and consequential.

Furthermore, I also believe that this docket, in conjunction with ADKT 0616 (wherein the Board of Governor's seeks to remove the two year limit for attorneys licensed in other jurisdictions practicing in public service in rural communities), invites further important discussion regarding revamping and streamlining our processes in admitting attorneys licensed in other jurisdictions. Regarding the current docket and pro hac vice admission, I have had opposing counsel in prior matters indicate that the process for pro hac vice admission in Nevada can be markedly more tedious than the same processes in other states. For instance, other states permit pro hac vice admission to be handled by individual trial courts in the context of the matters where such admission is sought, whereas the Nevada process requires pro hac vice applicants to submit their applications to the State Bar. These attorneys have noted that their pro hac vice applications here have taken notably longer to process in Nevada than they have in other jurisdictions.

So, in addition to amending the rules to waive the pro hac vice application fee for attorneys seeking to appear in matters implicating ICWA, I think the Court would also be wise to consider further amendment to and streamlining of out-of-state attorney admission processes. I think it would be wise to consider localizing the processing of pro hac vice applications and decisions on them, even if those decisions would only be effective in the judicial districts or courts where entered. Certainly, if an attorney seeks to appear pro hac vice for a case implicating ICWA in Elko, it would seem more efficient and serve the ends of justice more completely if the District Court could receive a pro hac vice application, evaluate it, and make an admission decision itself rather than having to place proceedings on hold while awaiting the Bar's decision.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. I appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on this, and I am happy to answer any questions regarding my comments should the Court have any.

Best,
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