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VIA U.S. MAIL

Ms. Elizabeth Brown, Clerk
SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA
201 South Carson Street, Suite 201
Carson City, NV 89701-4702

Re: COMMENT: ADKT 0519 | In the Matter of Amendments to Supreme Court Rule 81
[Hearing: Tuesday, April 4, 2017.]

Dear Ms. Brown:

I write to urge the Court's adoption of the proposed changes to Supreme Court Rule 81; I was the 89th president of the state bar of Nevada, becoming president in my seventh year of service as a bar governor (2013-2014). My elevation to the presidency was accidental, as all the other bar governors in my same "year-elected" class, opted out of re-election, leaving a clearer path for me to become president.

Unlike my situation, a significant number of bar governors are presently queued-up to ascend to the top step of the ladder of bar leadership; if the rule stays as is, some will be barred from presidential service by the 8-year service cap. That result of these "missed presidencies" would be unfortunate for the direction of the bar, as untapped talent and skill would lay wasted to the bar and the Court.

That prohibition on continued service would squander years of earned institutional knowledge and education of a "crop" of truly outstanding and dedicated bar governors. Keeping the 8-year cap in place would misspend the opportunity for the enjoyment of serial, highly *significant* presidencies (from among those in line to become president).

Presidential terms are not equally *significant*. If a bar presidency may be likened to a vehicle, the president is the driver for a year. Preparation to take the wheel is significant as the officers become immersed in governance and crafting strategic direction long before the presidential oath. The "lead-up" forces one to focus on program direction, execution, and planning, years before the presidential term commences. These "missed presidencies" would result in a fallback from the pole position from which each succeeding president will launch from the starting line.



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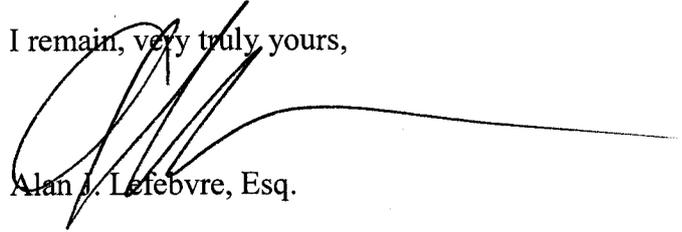
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When the present iteration of the rule became effective, it met the needs of those simpler and less complex times. Our institutional bar which has emerged within the past 20 (or even 10) years requires better prepared leaders: these proposed changes should advance that interest in better prepared future leaders, your Court relies upon.

Kindly make the Justices aware of these thoughts about this proposed rule change, calendared on their administrative docket to be heard on April 4.

I remain, very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan J. Lefebvre", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan J. Lefebvre, Esq.

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