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State of Nevada

Dept. of Indigent Defense Services

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Re: Public Comment for Record at Next Board Meeting

Greetings:

I enclose a formal complaint against the Washoe County Public Defenders Office. I wish to make the following Public Comment read into the record of next hearing. I would like to be on the mailing list for notices, agendas etc. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

I have filed a complaint with DIDS. Based on that experience I wish to move the Board to place on the Agenda the consideration of the following recommendations:

1. Adopt the ADKT 411 Indigent Defense Standards to be uniformly applicable throughout the State;
2. However, delete the nullification clause of Standard 1 (d) because it prevents autonomous enforcement of the standards by those with direct standing to enforce it -- convicts and defendants;
3. Require all Public Defense Offices of government to create mandatory guidelines to collect all evidence omitted in my DIDS complaint, which are open for public view;
4. Require guidelines for plea negotiations given the Laffer v. Cooper and Missouri v. Frye decisions

4. (continued)

of the United States Supreme Court in 2012 made effective assistance of counsel applicable to plea negotiations.

5. Search out and develop continuing Legal Education on plea negotiations; I suggest reaching out to Cynthia Alkon, who published in the Spring 2017 Nevada Law Journal "Hard Bargaining in Plea Bargaining: When Do Prosecutors Cross the Line?"

I congratulate the state of Nevada on the institution of the Department of Indigent Defense, and encourage all its participants to be fearless and thorough in fulfilling the task of removing bias in the criminal justice administration throughout Nevada.

Very respectfully submitted,

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