

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW OF
ISSUES CONCERNING
REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT
DEFENDANTS IN CRIMINAL AND
JUVENILE DELIQUENCY CASES

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PETITION

James W. Hardesty, Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, petitions the Supreme Court to conclude the Indigent Defense Commission.

On April 26, 2007, the Supreme Court established the Commission to study issues and concerns arising from the various methods used across Nevada to appoint counsel to represent those who cannot afford a lawyer, to select counsel, to compensate counsel, to establish the qualifications and experience of the attorneys appointed, and other related matters and recommend to the Supreme Court appropriate changes to current processes.

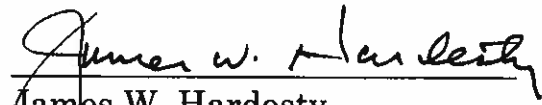
The Commission has conducted numerous studies, reviewed many aspects of the indigent defense system in Nevada, filed multiple reports with this court, set forth performance guidelines for the representation of indigent defendants, made numerous recommendations to the Supreme Court and other governmental entities, established a system for the provision of conflict counsel in urban jurisdictions, and requested plans for indigent defense services from various courts. The Commission also supported the passage of AB 81 during the 2019 Legislative Session

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that established and funded the Board of Indigent Defense Services and the Department of Indigent Defense Services.

As the Commission's work and role have been assumed by the Board of Indigent Defense Services and the Department of Indigent Defense Services, the Commission's work is now completed. Accordingly, petitioner requests that the Supreme Court conclude the Commission and offer its sincere appreciation to all Commission members.

Respectfully submitted,

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James W. Hardesty
Chief Justice, Nevada Supreme Court