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✓ **Senator Larry Teague
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Joint Budget Committee
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Dear Gentlemen:

Attached please find for your consideration a proposed amendment to the Arkansas Supreme Court FY 2015 appropriation. By way of background, the Court has, since 2009, authorized Supreme Court and Bar of Arkansas staff with the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission to provide support services to the Court-created Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program. That program is managed by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization called the Arkansas Access to Justice Foundation, Inc. The amendment is requested to make clear that Bar of Arkansas employees who were transitioned to state employment effective July 1, 2013 are permitted to provide services in support of that nonprofit organization.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.D. Gingerich".

**J.D. Gingerich
Director**

**cc: Senator Johnny Key
Chief Justice Jim Hannah**

Amendment to Supreme Court FY2015 Appropriation Bill

Add an additional Section to read as follows:

" SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ACCESS TO JUSTICE. The General Assembly finds that the Arkansas Access to Justice Foundation serves a public purpose, therefore financial accounting, general bookkeeping, management and administrative services may be provided by employees of the Arkansas Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Bar of Arkansas in support of the Arkansas Access to Justice Foundation, Inc.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015."