Utah County and District Attorneys Association (UCDAA) and Statewide Association of Prosecutors (SWAP)

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RE: REPORT

Judicial Council Study Committee on the Representation

of Indigent Criminal Defendants in Trial Courts

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Utah’s prosecutors recognize that our criminal justice system works best when defendants are represented by competent and effective defense counsel. We salute those public defenders who conscientiously and consistently represent their clients.

We have joined and supported the work of the committees appointed by Utah’s judiciary to review indigent defense in Utah. We support the recommendations of the Sixth Amendment Center that help insure constitutionally adequate defense for indigent defendants.

In the days ahead, we look forward to working with our legislature, the courts, and local governments to address the indigent defense system in Utah in a way that is constitutionally appropriate and fiscally responsible.