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May 11, 2018

Hon. Bill Quirk
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2163
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2274 (Quirk), as amended May 10, 2018 – No Position

Dear Assembly Member Quirk:

The Judicial Council appreciates your willingness to amend AB 2274 so that a judicial officer is permitted, as opposed to mandated, to assign sole or joint ownership of a pet animal, as defined, at the request of a party to a dissolution or legal separation. The mandatory nature of this provision was the basis for the council's concern. With this amendment, the Judicial Council takes no position on AB 2274.

Sincerely,

Mailed on May 11, 2018

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cc: Ms. Jennifer Fearing, San Diego Humane Society and Society of Cruelty to Animals and
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