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May 25, 2017

Hon. Marc Berman
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6011
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 644 (Berman), as amended April 24, 2017 – Support

Dear Assembly Member Berman:

The Judicial Council is very pleased to support AB 644. This bill extends the recently-enacted meet and confer requirements under the demurrer statute to both a motion for judgment on the pleadings and a motion to strike.

AB 644 is the type of efficiency measure that the Legislature and the Administration have been seeking from the judiciary, and we appreciate your leadership in this effort. This bill represents a consensus approach between the bench and bar that has the potential for achieving major improvements in the overall handling of motions to strike and motions for judgment on the pleadings. The Judicial Council believes that AB 644 should result in reduced delays and improved handling of motions to strike and motions for judgment on the pleadings, which should hopefully save time and money for both litigants and the courts. The council also notes that the bill contains a three-year sunset, which will allow for an evaluation of its effectiveness in order to determine the overall utility of continuing this approach longer term.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 644.

Sincerely,

Mailed May 25, 2017

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May 30, 2017

Hon. Hannah-Beth Jackson, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 644 (Berman), as amended April 24, 2017 – Support
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 6, 2017

Dear Senator Jackson:

The Judicial Council is very pleased to support AB 644. This bill extends the recently-enacted meet and confer requirements under the demurrer statute to both a motion for judgment on the pleadings and a motion to strike.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council Supports AB 644.

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June 27, 2017

Hon. Hannah-Beth Jackson, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 644 (Berman), as amended April 24, 2017 – Support
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – July 11, 2017

Dear Senator Jackson:

The Judicial Council is very pleased to support AB 644. This bill extends the recently-enacted meet and confer requirements under the demurrer statute to both a motion for judgment on the pleadings and a motion to strike.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council Supports AB 644.

Hon. Hannah-Beth Jackson

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September 14, 2017

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 644 (Berman) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on AB 644. This bill extends the recently-enacted meet and confer requirements under the demurrer statute to both a motion for judgment on the pleadings and a motion to strike.

AB 644 is the type of efficiency measure that the Legislature and your Administration have been seeking from the judiciary. This bill represents a consensus approach between the bench and bar that has the potential for achieving major improvements in the overall handling of motions to strike and motions for judgment on the pleadings. The Judicial Council believes that AB 644 should result in reduced delays and improved handling of motions to strike and motions for judgment on the pleadings, which should hopefully save time and money for both litigants and the courts. The council also notes that the bill contains a three-year sunset, which will allow for an evaluation of its effectiveness in order to determine the overall utility of continuing this approach longer term.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 644.

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