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Hon. Thomas J. Umberg Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee 1021 O Street, Room 6530 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2283 (Pacheco), as amended May 2, 2024—Sponsor

Dear Senator Umberg:

The Judicial Council is pleased to sponsor Assembly Bill 2283 to extend the deadline by which all courts must electronically transmit documents to a party who is subject to mandatory electronic service (e-service), or who has consented to accept e-service, from July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2025 and ensure that courts may perform e-service using both electronic notification and electronic transmission because it continues to further our shared goal of increasing court efficiency for all court users.

The Judicial Council supported Senate Bill 241 last session because among other attributes, it allowed courts to continue to develop the tools rolled out during the pandemic and maximize the ability to provide a full menu of equal, safe, and reliable access to justice and court services, including e-service. Despite the desire and good-faith effort to meet the July 1, 2024, deadline in SB 241, some courts indicated that they would likely be unable to achieve full functionality of e-service due to technological delays in the significant amount of reprogramming and testing needed. Relatedly under SB 241, courts will be required to, but cannot, electronically "transmit" large documents to parties. With the single word clarification in AB 2283, courts will appropriately be permitted to electronically "notify" parties of documents or electronically "transmit" documents.

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The one-year extension of time and the crucial one-word clarification in AB 2283 will aid in courts' ability to deliver on the benefits of e-service to parties with the confidence and thoroughness that is rightly expected.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to sponsor AB 2283.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Heather Resetarits at 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,

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