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April 26, 2018

Hon. Mark Stone, Chair  
Assembly Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3146  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 3248 (Committee on Judiciary) as introduced February 27, 2018 - Support  
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – May 1, 2018

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

The Judicial Council supports AB 3248, which removes the July 1, 2019 repeal date on the statutory procedures governing mandatory expedited jury trials in limited civil cases, thereby extending these provisions indefinitely.

The Judicial Council believes that expedited jury trials provide important efficiencies for both litigants and the courts. Unfortunately, voluntary EJT's have not been utilized very often since their inception, despite significant educational and outreach efforts directed to the bench and bar promoting the program. This led to the passage of AB 555 (Stats. 2015, ch. 330) requiring expedited jury trials in most limited civil cases. A preliminary survey of the courts regarding both EJT's and MEJT's showed positive results in terms of equitable outcomes. We have also received anecdotal reports of overall satisfaction of the parties and jurors, with significant cost savings for litigants and the courts.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 3248.

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

Sincerely,

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May 29, 2018

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

Subject: AB 3248 (Committee on Judiciary) as introduced February 27, 2018 – Support  
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 12, 2018

Dear Senator Jackson

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