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January 26, 2016

Hon. Shannon L. Grove
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4208
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1272 (Grove), as amended January 13, 2016 – Support

Dear Assembly Member Grove:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1272, as amended January 13, 2016, which requires that, in scheduling a trial date at an arraignment in superior court where the allegation is that the defendant committed a crime against a person with a developmental disability, courts make reasonable efforts to avoid setting that trial, when that case is assigned to a particular prosecuting attorney, on the same day that another case is set for trial involving the same prosecuting attorney.

The Judicial Council believes that cases involving crimes against persons with developmental disabilities are very difficult, very sensitive, and much more challenging than other criminal cases. Thus, the council believes that it is appropriate to require courts to make reasonable efforts to avoid setting those trials on the same day that another case is set for trial involving the same prosecuting attorney. The council also notes that the population to which AB 1272 applies is not so large that it would make it difficult for courts to make this accommodation. Finally, the council observed that AB 1272 gives courts flexibility because it requires courts to make “reasonable efforts” to make this accommodation rather than requiring courts to do so in all instances.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1272.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Reilly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sharon" and last name "Reilly" clearly distinguishable.

Sharon Reilly
Attorney

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cc: Mr. Greg deGiere, Public Policy Director, The Arc and United Cerebral Palsy California
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