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April 24, 2012

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Hon. Mike Feuer, Chair Assembly Judiciary Committee State Capitol, Room 2013 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 2683 (Committee on Judiciary), as amended April 23, 2012 - Sponsor

Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – May 1, 2012

Dear Assembly Member Feuer:

The Judicial Council supports and is sponsoring AB 2683, a non-controversial measure that makes some technical and conforming changes to the law governing specified notices to creditors in decedents' estates. The bill also corrects a statutory cross-reference in the recently enacted law governing venue in probate guardianship cases.

The statutorily required content of advice to creditors of decedents' estates concerning time limits on filing claims with the court and the personal representative of the estate may, in some situations, conflict with the time limits to file these claims required by law. The advice may be potentially misleading to creditors of decedents. AB 2683 would amend Probate Code sections 8100 and 9052 to conform their statements concerning time limits on filing creditors' claims in decedents' estates to the requirements for filing these claims established in Probate Code section 9100. If AB 2683 is enacted, conforming revisions would be made to two statutorily mandated Judicial Council forms that are used to advise these creditors.

Unfortunately, there is an incorrect cross-reference in AB 458 (Atkins), Stats. 2011, ch. 102, a bill that was sponsored by the Judicial Council last year. AB 458 added new Probate Code section 2204, which sets out new venue rules for guardianship cases where a prior custody action involving the proposed ward has already been filed in a county other than the county where the

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guardianship petition was filed. Subdivision (b) of section 2204 governs inter-court communications in these cases, and (b)(4) currently states that the provisions of subdivisions (b) to (e) of "Section 3140" shall apply to communications between courts under section 2204. "Section 3140" should be "Section 3410," part of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act ("UCCJEA"), which is the model for these communications. Section 3140 does not have subds. (d) and (e) and it does not deal with the details of communications between courts, which is the topic of section 3410. AB 2683 would correct this cross-reference.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is sponsoring AB 2683 and respectfully requests your Aye vote on the measure.

Sincerely,

Daniel Pone Senior Attorney

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cc: Members, Assembly Judiciary Committee

Mr. Anthony Lew, Counsel, Assembly Judiciary Committee

Mr. Aaron Maguire, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor

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June 5, 2012

CURTIS L. CHILD Director, Office of Governmental Affairs

Hon. Noreen Evans, Chair Senate Judiciary Committee State Capitol, Room 4032 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

AB 2683 (Committee on Judiciary), as amended April 23, 2012 - Support/Sponsor

Hearing:

Senate Judiciary Committee – June 12, 2012

Dear Senator Evans:

The Judicial Council supports and is sponsoring AB 2683, a non-controversial measure that makes some technical and conforming changes to the law governing specified notices to creditors in decedents' estates. The bill also corrects a statutory cross-reference in the recently enacted law governing venue in probate guardianship cases.

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cc: Members, Senate Judiciary Committee

Mr. Anthony Lew, Counsel, Assembly Judiciary Committee

Ms. Tara Welch, Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee

Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor

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August 7, 2012

CURTIS L. CHILD Director, Office of Governmental Affairs

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

Subject: AB 2683 (

AB 2683 (Committee on Judiciary) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

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AB 2683 is currently on the Senate floor, on the consent calendar; it has not received any "No" votes, and is anticipated to be on your desk shortly. For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 2683.

Sincerely,

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