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Hon. Mark Stone, Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 5155
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1123 (Mayes), as introduced – Support
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – April 21, 2015

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1123. This bill authorizes, but does not require, a county that has established and is operating a program under the Dispute Resolution Program Act (DRPA) to contract with the superior court of the county to transfer operation of the program to the court. The bill requires a court that voluntarily elects to enter into such a contract to operate the program in compliance with all statutes, rules, and regulations associated with the program. AB 1123 also specifies that a court that contracts to operate a dispute resolution program pursuant to the bill's provisions assumes the relevant rights and responsibilities connected with the program. The bill further requires the county in such cases to transfer, within a reasonable time, any funds received for administration of the program, with future program funding to be provided directly to the court.

Providing clear statutory authority authorizing these contractual arrangements in cases where the court elects to operate DRPA programs directly will help avoid any unnecessary confusion and streamline operations.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 1123.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Pone", with a stylized, cursive script.

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cc: Members, Assembly Judiciary Committee

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