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March 28, 2006

Hon. Liz Figueroa
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4061
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 1550 (Figueroa), as introduced February 23, 2006 - Support if amended.
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – April 18, 2006

Dear Senator Figueroa:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1550, which would enact the Professional Fiduciaries Act. Among other things, the bill would create the Board of Professional Fiduciaries in the Department of Consumer Affairs, and would require the board to license and regulate professional fiduciaries. The bill would also prohibit a court from appointing a person as a professional fiduciary unless he or she is certified as a professional fiduciary.

The Judicial Council supports SB 1550 if the bill is amended to delete provisions of existing law governing the local registration system and Statewide Registry, once the new licensure scheme becomes fully operational. The council believes that a new licensure system that covers professional conservators, guardians and other fiduciaries would obviate the need to maintain the current dual registration system, which could then be repealed since those functions would be duplicative and no longer necessary. The Judicial Council also supports the bill because more stringent regulation and oversight of professional fiduciaries will help assure the courts that those licensees who are eligible for appointment as guardians and conservators meet minimum educational, qualification and ethical standards.

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Daniel A. Pone
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cc: Ms. Sue Blake, Assistant Office of Planning and Research
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Ms. Sandra Carey, Professional Fiduciary Association of California



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Hon. Joseph L. Dunn, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 2080
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 1550 (Figueroa), as introduced February 23, 2006 - Support if amended.
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – April 18, 2006

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March 29, 2006

Hon. Liz Figueroa, Chair
Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
State Capitol, Room 2053
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 1550 (Figueroa), as introduced February 23, 2006 - Support if amended.

Hearing: Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development – April 17, 2006

Dear Senator Figueroa:

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June 15, 2006

Hon. Dave Jones, Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 3126
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 1550 (Figueroa), as amended June 14, 2006 - Support
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – June 20, 2006

Dear Assembly Member Jones:

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