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April 17, 2014

Hon. Ed Chau  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 6011  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1659 (Chau), as amended April 1, 2014 - Support

Dear Assembly Member Chau:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1659, which sets a uniform briefing schedule for a motion for a new trial, motion for a judgment notwithstanding the verdict, and motion to vacate the judgment. Conforming the deadlines and procedures for these post-trial motions will make it easier for the parties to follow, which should help conserve judicial resources by minimizing the need for ex parte proceedings.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 1659.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Jacqueline Serna, Associate Legislative Counsel, Consumer Attorneys of California  
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June 4, 2013

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

Subject: AB 1659 (Chau), as amended April 1, 2014 - Support  
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 17, 2014

Dear Senator Jackson:

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June 27, 2014

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

Subject: AB 1659 (Chau) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 1659.

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