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March 27, 2014

Hon. Bob Wieckowski, Chair  
Assembly Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol, Room 4016  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1932 (Jones), as introduced - Neutral  
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – April 1, 2014

Dear Assembly Member Wieckowski:

The Judicial Council is neutral on AB 1932, which requires a judgment of the appellate division of the superior court in an appeal to contain a brief statement of the reasons for the judgment, and provides that a judgment stating only “affirmed” or “reversed” is insufficient for this purpose. The council is supportive of the underlying rationale for the bill, and agrees that providing a brief statement of reasons for judgments issued by the appellate divisions of superior courts should help increase the public’s trust and confidence in the judicial system.

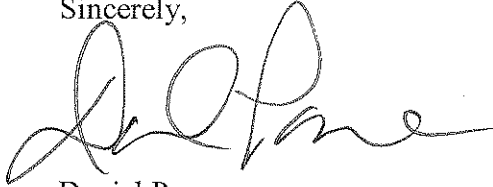
However, the Judicial Council also recognizes the potential for increased workload for at least some of the trial courts, which comes at an especially difficult time for our justice system in light of the ongoing and severe budget constraints the courts are facing. In addition, the Judicial Council is mindful of the fact that not all trial courts have dedicated judicial officers or permanent judges assigned to their appellate divisions, and that in at least one court, judges volunteer to sit on the appellate division to hear those cases in addition to their usual assignments.

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For all of these reasons, the Judicial Council is neutral on AB 1932.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members, Assembly Judiciary Committee  
Hon. Brian Jones, Member of the Assembly  
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May 23, 2014

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

Subject: AB 1932 (Jones), as introduced - Neutral  
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 10, 2014

Dear Senator Jackson:

The Judicial Council is neutral on AB 1932, which requires a judgment of the appellate division of the superior court in an appeal to contain a brief statement of the reasons for the judgment, and provides that a judgment stating only “affirmed” or “reversed” is insufficient for this purpose. The council is supportive of the underlying rationale for the bill, and agrees that providing a brief statement of reasons for judgments issued by the appellate divisions of superior courts should help increase the public’s trust and confidence in the judicial system.

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