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June 13, 2016

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

Subject: AB 2882 (Committee on Judiciary), as amended March 29, 2016 – Support
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 21, 2016

Dear Senator Jackson:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support the provisions of AB 2882 which ratify the authority of the Judicial Council to convert up to 10 subordinate judicial officer (SJO) positions to judgeships in fiscal year 2016–2017, where the conversion results in a judge being assigned to family or juvenile law matters previously assigned to subordinate judicial officers.

Over the past few years, in the face of few or no new judgeships being created or funded, courts have had to hire SJOs simply to meet the demands of the courts' workload. As a result, these SJOs have not simply been assigned to perform subordinate judicial duties, but in many cases they have been assigned as temporary judges, exercising the full power of judges, including in family law and juvenile law proceedings. The Judicial Council believes that family law and juvenile law proceedings, among the courts' most sensitive and often most complex, should be assigned to judges whenever possible. The conversion of SJO positions to judgeships, upon vacancy, will allow more of these crucial family and juvenile law cases to be heard by judges.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 2882.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Alan Herzfeld at 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,



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August 25, 2016

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

Subject: AB 2882 (Committee on Judiciary) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on AB 2882, which, among other things, ratifies the authority of the Judicial Council to convert up to 10 subordinate judicial officer (SJO) positions to judgeships in fiscal year 2016–2017, where the conversion results in a judge being assigned to family or juvenile law matters previously assigned to subordinate judicial officers.

Over the past few years, in the face of few or no new judgeships being created or funded, courts have had to hire SJOs simply to meet the demands of the courts' workload. As a result, these SJOs have not simply been assigned to perform subordinate judicial duties, but in many cases they have been assigned as temporary judges, exercising the full power of judges, including in family law and juvenile law proceedings. The Judicial Council believes that family law and juvenile law proceedings, among the courts' most sensitive and often most complex, should be assigned to judges whenever possible. The conversion of SJO positions to judgeships, upon vacancy, will allow more of these crucial family and juvenile law cases to be heard by judges.

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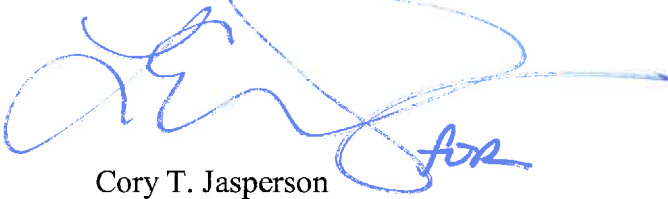
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