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April 29, 2013

Hon. Tom Ammiano, Chair Assembly Public Safety Committee State Capitol, Room 3146 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

AB 1004 (Gray), as amended March 21, 2013 - Support/Sponsor

Hearing:

Assembly Public Safety Committee - May 7, 2013

Dear Assembly Member Ammiano:

The Judicial Council is pleased to sponsor AB 1004, which allows magistrates signatures on arrest warrants to be in the form of a digital or electronic signature. This bill will assist courts in handling arrest warrants more efficiently and will bring some modest, but critically needed, costs savings for the courts.

The council believes this bill would streamline the process for obtaining signatures on arrest warrants by amending Section 817 of the Penal Code to permit arrest warrants to be submitted not only be email, but also by computer server, and would permit magistrates to sign arrest warrants digitally or electronically. By making the process for obtaining magistrate signatures on arrest warrants more efficient, this change will not only bring cost savings to court, but also to cities and counties because law enforcement will no longer be required to travel to court, or if outside of regular hours, to a magistrate's home to obtain a signature on an arrest warrant. Allowing affiants and magistrates to utilize e-mail is a secure alternative method of transmission and signing of arrest warrants that will give law enforcement the flexibility and rapidity to more effectively respond to crime in the modern world.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 1004.

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Sincerely,

Sharon Reilly Senior Attorney

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cc: Members, Assembly Public Safety Committee

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Hon. Adam Gray, Member of the Assembly

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June 12, 2013

Hon. Loni Hancock, Chair Senate Public Safety Committee State Capitol, Room 2082 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

AB 1004 (Gray), as amended May 15, 2013 – Support/Sponsor

Hearing:

Senate Public Safety Committee – June 18, 2013

Dear Senator Hancock:

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Sincerely,

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September 18, 2013

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

Subject: AB 1004 (Gray) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 1004.

Sincerely,

Sharon Reilly Senior Attorney

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cc: Hon. Adam Gray, Member of the Assembly

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Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor