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April 9, 2015

Hon. Autumn R. Burke
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5144
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 879 (Burke), as introduced – Support
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – April 14, 2015

Dear Assembly Member Burke:

The Judicial Council supports AB 879, which allows for service by email of notice of custody, jurisdictional, review, and disposition hearings when a locality and court permit service by email, and the party to be served has consented to electronic service on existing forms.

The council believes the bill will allow courts to more efficiently provide notices to parties in dependency cases. Often, in these cases, there is difficulty finding physical addresses for parents of dependent children, and some parents only have email addresses, rather than permanent physical addresses. Noticing parties of hearings by email will allow for increased parental participation in dependency proceedings, which will benefit both dependent children and the courts in ascertaining the outcomes that are in the best interests of the child. The council would note that AB 879 allows email notice only as a substitute for notice by first class mail or publication, not as a replacement for items that must be personally served, which include termination of parental rights. In those cases, parents would still have to be personally served.

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Sincerely,

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