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September 15, 2025

Hon. Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, California 95814

**Subject: Assembly Bill 343 (Pacheco)—Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support Assembly Bill 343 which defines elected and appointed officials for the purpose of protecting address confidentiality, to expressly include retired judges, as well as counsel appointed by the court to represent children in family law or dependency matters.

The Judicial Council supports AB 343, because it enhances the independence of the branch by specifying that retired judges are entitled to the same privacy protections as active judges and would also protect the privacy of court appointed minor's counsel in family and dependency matters. These attorneys are appointed to ensure that the court has the information it needs to make decisions in the best interests of children who are the subject of contentious custody matters or who have been removed from their parents. Attorneys who take on these critical appointments report that threats from parents in these cases are not uncommon and they must take action to protect themselves and their families. Current law provides these protections to prosecuting attorneys, and public defenders in criminal and delinquency matters. Expanding these protections to encompass court appointed counsel for children in family and dependency matters will help to ensure that the courts can continue to recruit attorneys to take on these roles.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council strongly supports AB 343 and requests your signature.

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

Sincerely,

Cory T. Jasperson
Director, Governmental Affairs
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cc: Hon. Blanca Pacheco, Member of the Assembly, 64th District
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Hon. Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, California 95814

**Subject: Assembly Bill 343 (Pacheco), as introduced—Support**

Dear Assembly Member Wicks:

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