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September 14, 2005

Hon. Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 664 (Jones) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Judicial Council supports AB 664, which would allow courts to list multiple qualified legal service providers on unlawful detainer notices because it would promote the council's objective of increasing access and fairness for litigants. Under current law, the unlawful detainer notice is required to list a legal service provider funded by the federal Legal Services Corporation (LSC). As funding through the federal LSC has contracted in recent years, the number of reputable legal service providers who do not receive LSC funding has increased significantly. For example, in Los Angeles County, there are only two LSC funded providers, while there are many non-LSC funded providers who assist defendants in unlawful detainer matters, and receive funding through the State Bar. Without legislative change, courts are restricted in their ability to provide comprehensive and valuable referral information to defendants facing eviction. Those litigants may find it more difficult to obtain legal assistance if the statute is not changed to allow all qualified providers who are receiving state funds to be listed on the notice.

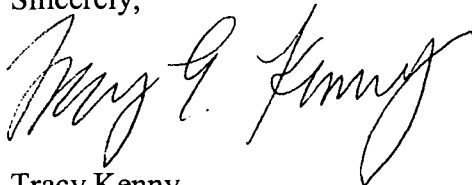
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In order to promote meaningful access to justice for such litigants, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 664.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tracy G. Kenny".

Tracy Kenny
Legislative Advocate

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cc: Hon. Dave Jones, Member of Assembly

Ms. Karen Pank, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor

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May 31, 2005

Honorable Dave Jones
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3126
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 664 (Jones), as amended April 28, 2005 - Support

Dear Assembly Member Jones:

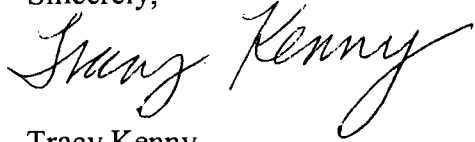
The Judicial Council supports AB 664, which would expand the parameters of an existing requirement that the court include information on a legal service provider funded by the federal Legal Services Corporation (LSC) to allow the providers listed on the notice to include qualified legal services projects that are not funded by the federal LSC.

The Judicial Council supports AB 664 because it would promote the council's objective of increasing access and fairness for litigants. As funding through the federal LSC has contracted in recent years, the number of reputable legal service providers who do not receive LSC funding has increased significantly. For example, in Los Angeles County, there are only two LSC funded providers, while there are many non-LSC funded providers who assist defendants in unlawful detainer matters. Without legislative change, courts are restricted in their ability to provide valuable referral information to defendants facing eviction. Those litigants may find it more difficult to obtain legal assistance if the statute is not changed to allow qualified providers to be listed on the notice.

Hon. Dave Jones
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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 664.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracy Kenny". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Tracy Kenny
Legislative Advocate

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