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June 5, 2014

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

Subject: SB 1110 (Jackson), as amended April 22, 2014 - Support, if amended  
Hearing: Assembly Public Safety Committee – June 10, 2014

Dear Assembly Member Ammiano:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1110, if amended. SB 1110 currently does the following: (1) requires a magistrate to inquire as to the active duty or veteran status of the defendant and requires specified actions if the defendant acknowledges military service, including filing Judicial Council Form MIL-100 and transmitting the form to the county veterans services officer for confirmation of military service; (2) provides that a defendant may decline to provide military service information without penalty; (3) requires, if the defendant is not represented by counsel, that the magistrate not make an inquiry into the defendant's current or past military status and requires that the court advise the defendant that certain current or former members of the United States military who meet certain qualifications are eligible for specific forms of restorative relief.

The Judicial Council believes that SB1110 would benefit from the following amendments:

- (1) Treat represented and unrepresented defendants the same when informing them of options for individuals with veterans status

- (2) Require a court to advise a defendant or defendants that they may be entitled to certain services if they have military or veterans statutes.
- (3) Require courts to transmit the Judicial Council Military Status form to the State Department of Veterans Affairs
- (4) Require the Judicial Council to amend Judicial Council Form MIL-100 to also include information about Penal Code section 1170.9 and related status.
- (5) Ensure the language regarding veterans status is broad enough to include individuals who serve or served in the reserve or national guard.

The Judicial Council supports SB 1110 if amended as described above because it should result in better and more timely results for criminal cases involving individuals with military-related service. Moreover, by providing specific information about their rights under Penal Code section 1170.9 and related laws, the bill should raise the awareness of veterans about their options during criminal proceedings. Thus, the bill should result in individuals who have military service being assigned to Veteran's Court in a timely manner in the counties where those courts exist. The amendments will also provide defendants having military status with important information about access to services provided at local, state, and federal level.

The Judicial Council also believes the bill should be amended to eliminate the distinction between represented and unrepresented defendants because on a practical level this could be problematic for courts that arraign several defendants at once. It is common practice in larger courts to hold mass arraignments, where some individuals may be represented and others are not. Further the committees believe that it is very important that both groups of defendants are provided with the same information. Also, by requiring that courts provide the information to the State Department of Veterans Affairs, there will be a central depository of the forms filed, which can help inform decisions of the Judicial, Executive, and Legislative Branch. Finally, by regularly providing this information at arraignments, courts will increase the awareness of the criminal defense bar that there are special services available to veterans who have been accused of committing a crime.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1110, if amended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sharon Reilly".

Sharon Reilly  
Senior Attorney

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cc: Members, Assembly Public Safety Committee  
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August 5, 2014

Hon. Mike Gatto, Chair  
Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 1110 (Jackson), as amended July 3, 2014 – Support  
Hearing: Assembly Appropriations Committee – August 6, 2014

Dear Assembly Member Gatto:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1110. SB 1110 currently does the following: (1) requires a magistrate to inquire as to the active duty or veteran status of the defendant and requires specified actions if the defendant acknowledges military service, including filing Judicial Council Form MIL-100 and transmitting the form to the county veterans services officer for confirmation of military service; (2) provides that a defendant may decline to provide military service information without penalty; (3) requires, if the defendant is not represented by counsel, that the magistrate not make an inquiry into the defendant's current or past military status and requires that the court advise the defendant that certain current or former members of the United States military who meet certain qualifications are eligible for specific forms of restorative relief.

The Judicial Council supports SB 1110 because it should result in better and more timely results for criminal cases involving individuals with military-related service. Moreover, by providing specific information about their rights under Penal Code section 1170.9 and related laws, the bill should raise the awareness of veterans about their options during criminal proceedings. Thus, the bill should result in individuals who have military service being assigned to Veteran's Court

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In addition, by requiring that courts provide the information to the State Department of Veterans Affairs, there will be a central depository of the forms filed, which can help inform decisions of the Judicial, Executive, and Legislative Branch. Finally, by regularly providing this information at arraignments, courts will increase the awareness of the criminal defense bar that there are special services available to veterans who have been accused of committing a crime.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1110.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Hannah-Beth Jackson, Member of the Senate  
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Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor



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August 5, 2014

Hon. Hannah-Beth Jackson  
Member of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5080  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 1110 (Jackson), as amended July 3, 2014 - Support

Dear Senator Jackson:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1110. SB 1110 currently does the following: (1) requires a magistrate to inquire as to the active duty or veteran status of the defendant and requires specified actions if the defendant acknowledges military service, including filing Judicial Council Form MIL-100 and transmitting the form to the county veterans services officer for confirmation of military service; (2) provides that a defendant may decline to provide military service information without penalty; (3) requires, if the defendant is not represented by counsel, that the magistrate not make an inquiry into the defendant's current or past military status and requires that the court advise the defendant that certain current or former members of the United States military who meet certain qualifications are eligible for specific forms of restorative relief.

The Judicial Council supports SB 1110 because it should result in better and more timely results for criminal cases involving individuals with military-related service. Moreover, by providing specific information about their rights under Penal Code section 1170.9 and related laws, the bill should raise the awareness of veterans about their options during criminal proceedings. Thus, the bill should result in individuals who have military service being assigned to Veteran's Court in a timely manner in the counties where those courts exist. The bill also provides defendants

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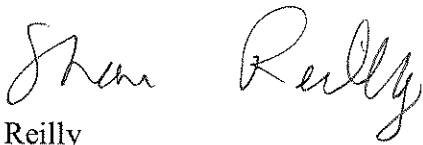
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having military status with important information about access to services provided at local, state, and federal level.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1110.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sharon Reilly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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



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August 25, 2014

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

Subject: SB 1110 (Jackson) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1110. SB 1110 does the following: (1) requires a magistrate to inquire as to the active duty or veteran status of the defendant and requires specified actions if the defendant acknowledges military service, including filing Judicial Council Form MIL-100 and transmitting the form to the county veterans services officer for confirmation of military service; (2) provides that a defendant may decline to provide military service information without penalty; (3) requires, if the defendant is not represented by counsel, that the magistrate not make an inquiry into the defendant's current or past military status and requires that the court advise the defendant that certain current or former members of the United States military who meet certain qualifications are eligible for specific forms of restorative relief.

The Judicial Council supports SB 1110 because the council believes it will result in better and more timely results for criminal cases involving individuals with military-related service. Moreover, by providing specific information about their rights under Penal Code section 1170.9 and related laws, the bill should raise the awareness of veterans about their options during criminal proceedings. Thus, the council believes the bill will result in individuals who have



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military service being assigned to Veteran's Court in a more timely manner in the counties where those courts exist. The bill also provides defendants having military status with important information about access to services provided at local, state, and federal level.

In addition, by requiring that courts provide the information to the State Department of Veterans Affairs, there will be a central depository of the forms filed, which can help inform decisions of the Judicial, Executive, and Legislative Branch. Finally, by regularly providing this information at arraignments, courts will increase the awareness of the criminal defense bar that there are special services available to veterans who have been accused of committing a crime.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on SB 1110.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sharon Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon Reilly  
Senior Attorney

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cc: Hon. Hannah-Beth Jackson, Member of the Senate  
Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor