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September 7, 2018

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

Subject: Assembly Bill 2664 (Holden) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 2664, which provides that, at the arranging party's request, the court shall appoint the certified shorthand reporter to be present in the courtroom and serve as the official reporter pro tempore unless there is good cause shown for the court to refuse that appointment.

The Judicial Council supports this legislation because it is in the interests of justice to ensure that qualified reporters pro tempore are provided when a regular official reporter is not available and one or both parties seeks the services of an official reporter pro tempore. In such cases, even when the parties cannot agree as to which reporter's services shall be used, the courts have an interest in selecting a qualified reporter pro tempore to ensure there is a quality record of the proceedings. The provisions of AB 2664 are, in effect, a statement of that interest.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 2664.

Sincerely,

Mailed on September 7, 2018

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cc: Hon. Chris Holden, Member of the Assembly
Mr. Larry Doyle, Conference of California Bar Associations
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Hon. Hannah-Beth Jackson, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2664 (Holden), as amended June 4, 2018 – Support
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 12, 2018

Dear Senator Jackson:

The Judicial Council supports AB 2664, which adds language to Government Code section 70044, a section that pertains to the appointment of an official reporter pro tempore to perform the duties of a phonographic reporter until a regular official reporter becomes available. This bill would require the court to appoint an official reporter pro tempore pursuant to a written stipulation of the parties, if possible. The bill would require the court, if the parties attempt to arrive at a stipulation and are unable to do so, and at least one of the parties continues to seek the appointment of an official reporter pro tempore, to appoint an official reporter pro tempore that meets specified criteria. The bill would also require the court, if a party objects to the appointment of a particular reporter submitted by the requesting party, or if parties request appointment of different reporters, to appoint an official reporter pro tempore from among the qualified candidates proposed by one or both of the parties if the parties cannot arrive at a stipulation as to which reporter pro tempore shall be utilized.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 2664.

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

Sincerely,

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