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May 4, 2017

Hon. Richard H. Bloom
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2003
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 712 (Bloom), as amended April 17, 2017 – Support, if amended

Dear Assembly Member Bloom:

The Judicial Council supports AB 712, if amended, which allows a court transferring jurisdiction over a family law matter to retain emergency jurisdiction over the case until the receiving court formally assumes jurisdiction. The bill further requires the Judicial Council to create a rule of court to establish timeframes for transferring and assuming jurisdiction over family law matters.

The council supports AB 712, if amended to remove the requirement for the creation of a rule of court to establish timelines for transferring jurisdiction of cases. The council believes that the policy of allowing a court familiar with the case file to issue emergency orders as needed until a new court has formally accepted jurisdiction is a good one, and will be a benefit to the families, and especially to the children, involved in custody matters. The council is concerned, however, that a rule of court that establishes timelines to fully achieve transfer of family law matters would be impractical and ineffective. The factors that influence the time it takes to formally complete a transfer of jurisdiction are specific and unique to each family law case, and statewide, mandated timelines will not be helpful to achieving a smooth transfer of jurisdiction to a more appropriate court.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 712, if amended.

Sincerely,

Mailed on May 4, 2017

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cc: Mr. Daniel Seeman, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
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May 24, 2017

Hon. Hannah-Beth Jackson, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 712 (Bloom), as amended April 17, 2017 – Support, if amended
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 6, 2017

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

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