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

Subject: AB 452 (Bloom), as introduced—Support/Sponsor
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee—March 21, 2017

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

The Judicial Council is pleased to sponsor and support AB 452, which changes the reference of Clerk of the Supreme Court to the Clerk/Executive Officer of the Supreme Court, and would change the reference of Clerk/Administrator of the Court of Appeal to the Clerk/Executive Officer of the Court of Appeal. This bill also changes state law references to the Administrative Office of the Courts to the Judicial Council.

There is one Clerk of the California Supreme Court and one Clerk/Administrator in each of the six appellate districts. Each Clerk/Administrator is the chief executive of their respective courts and is responsible for fully managing their respective court including responsibilities over staffing, budget, resource allocation, and overall strategic direction. In July 2014, the Judicial Council voted to unite the Judicial Council and its staff under the single name “Judicial Council of California” by retiring the separate name “Administrative Office of the Courts” or “AOC.”

This legislation is needed in order to more accurately reflect the executive responsibilities of the Clerk/Administrators in the Courts of Appeal and the Clerk of the Supreme Court, including in

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council is sponsoring and supporting AB 452.

Sincerely,

Mailed on March 15, 2017

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