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RE: New Jersey State Bar Association Pandemic Task Force Practice of Law Subcommittee Final Report

Dear Judge Grant:

The Somerset County Bar Association Board of Trustees has reviewed the New Jersey State Bar Association Pandemic Task Force Practice of Law Subcommittee Final Report concerning post-pandemic recommendations for virtual proceedings. The SCBA appreciates the significant amount of work the NJSBA Task Force put into the Report, and thanks them for their efforts. I write today to offer the SCBA's support of the Final Report.

The Final Report, which we understand has been vetted and endorsed by the NJSBA Board of Trustees, sets forth recommendations for the hybrid practice of law following the COVID-19 pandemic. The Report further recognizes that adaptability of the practice over the past eighteen (18) months, and the efficiency some virtual proceedings have provided to the profession. The Report, however, acknowledges the pitfalls to other virtual proceedings, and the balance needed between in-person and virtual proceedings. Thus, the Report provides a pragmatic proposal for how the profession can move forward in the post-COVID world by being open to new technologies and methods while still retaining the benefits associated with traditional practice.

Accordingly, the SCBA endorses the NJSBA Pandemic Task Force Practice of Law Subcommittee Final Report, and respectfully requests that the Judiciary consider the implementation of the proposed recommendations for the benefit of litigants, attorneys, and the Courts. I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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