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Judge Grant:

I wish to commend the Committee on the work product produced. I know that this has been a long, long process requiring compromises along the way, as well as education of practitioners from different fields of practice.

For many years, I have believed that the arbitration of matrimonial law issues would serve the best interests of our clients, attorneys and the judiciary. The difficulty has always been in educating consumers—litigants, lawyers and judges alike – in the contractual nature of the arbitration process.

This Report and proposed forms not only provide a clear explanation of the rules, but guidance to the practitioner so that he/she may tailor the arbitration process as appropriate to the issues presented. The proposed Rules will greatly assist all involved in navigating through the process.

I thank the Committee for its years of hard work and a job well done.

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