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Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts
Comments: Special Committee on Attorney Ethics and Admissions
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Re: Supreme Court Special Committee on Attorney Ethics and Admissions
Report and Recommendations May 12, 2015

Dear Judge Grant:

Please accept this letter in support of New Jersey adopting Admission by Motion for attorneys who have passed a bar examination and are licensed and in good standing in all other jurisdictions to which they have been admitted. I would also suggest, as some states already impose, that the attorney moving for admission by motion cannot have previously taken and failed the New Jersey Bar Examination.

In my nearly 27 years of practice, I have observed that attorneys who have multiple admissions have greater opportunities available to them to enhance their practice, serve the public good, and improve their marketability.

My practice concentrates almost entirely on consumer financial services law. Most of the litigation concerning consumer financial services occurs under federal statutes and in federal courts. As a result, I practice regularly in courts across the country. My stated first admission was New Jersey and I was admitted to the bars of the District of Columbia and New York several years following my New Jersey admission. However, some states still bar my admission by

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motion because they determine reciprocity based upon the reciprocity offered by the state of my firm admission, New Jersey.

My admissions to the District of Columbia and New York though have allowed me to be admitted in other jurisdictions, mainly in the federal courts. Had I remained licensed only in New Jersey, these additional admissions by motion would not have been possible.

I do not believe that the fears concerning a flood of newly admitted attorneys by motion are warranted. Since being admitted to the Bar, the number of attorneys in New Jersey has more than doubled even without admission by motion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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