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Hon. Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts
Comments on Attorney Malpractice Report
Hughes Justice Complex; P.O. Box 037
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Dear Judge Grant:

On behalf of the members of the New Jersey Association for Justice, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Report of the Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Malpractice Insurance.

The New Jersey Association for Justice is dedicated to protecting the legal rights of consumers in New Jersey.

Consistent with that commitment is the position that consumers' legal rights be protected when they are a victim of legal malpractice. Mandatory insurance coverage is the only way to achieve that goal.

Consumers are best protected when the lawyers they hire to help them seek justice are covered by malpractice insurance.

Accordingly, NJAJ supports a requirement that all lawyers practicing in the State of New Jersey carry malpractice insurance.

While transparency, which is discussed in the report, is generally viewed as a positive, in this instance it does not adequately protect consumers.

The best way to accomplish the goal of providing protection to consumers is by requiring that attorneys carry malpractice insurance.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Respectfully,

Eric G. Kahn, Esq.
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