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VIA EMAIL

Honorable Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts
Hughes Justice Complex
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Re: Comments on Proposed CBLP Rules of Court

Dear Judge Grant:

Please accept this letter in response to the New Jersey Supreme Court's invitation to submit comments on the proposed CBLP Rules of Court. I endorse and adopt the recommendations made by Nicholas Stevens, Esq. on behalf of the Justice Marie L. Garibaldi ADR Inn of Court in his letter to you dated May 23, 2018.

For the reasons expressed by Mr. Stevens, I ask that the Committee augment the proposed CBLP Rules by including a provision for presumptive mediation of complex business disputes. As a former Judge of the Chancery Court, which also handles complex and novel cases, I can attest to the benefits of mediation for that Court's calendar. There is no reason why a mediation program would not be similarly advantageous for the CBLP.

I would like to note that although I am the Immediate Past Chair of the NJSBA Dispute Resolution Section, the views expressed above are attributable to me individually, rather than on behalf of the Section, due to time constraints.

Respectfully yours,

HARRIET F. KLEIN, J.S.C. (Ret.)