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RE: CPANJ Comments – Proposal to Amend Rule 3:6-6

Dear Chief of Staff Bonville:

On behalf of the County Prosecutor's Association of New Jersey (CPANJ), please accept this letter expressing CPANJ's comments and suggestions pertaining to the proposal to amend Rule 3:6-6.

First, it would be beneficial to allow analysts, technical assistants or paralegals into grand jury to assist us with presenting cases where we would be displaying digital media and visual aids, such as video, audio and transcripts, etc. Moreover, there could be value and efficiency in having that kind of technical aid in more complex cases such as wire and electronic investigation cases.

Secondly, we have found being present in deliberations helpful with grand jury notice and permission. Grand jurors are more likely to ask for clarification and it helps assistant prosecutors learn of juror concerns. There have been numerous times where the deliberations morph into the realm of a legal question and we would miss the opportunity to provide legal clarification if not there to hear it. Sometimes it is subtle and neither the grand jurors nor clerks recognize it as a

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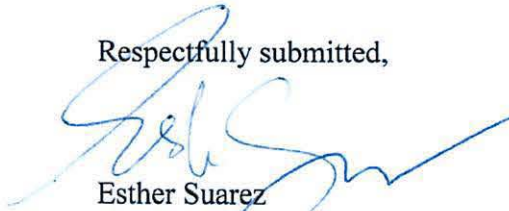
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legal question. In sum, we believe it more efficient to be present with permission to respond to spontaneous grand jury questions and to avoid errors.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal.

Respectfully submitted,



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