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Via Regular Mail and Electronic Mail to comments.mailbox@njcourts.gov Honorable Glenn A. Grant, JSC Acting Administrative Director of the Courts Comments on the Future of Court Operations **Hughes Justice Complex** PO Box 037 Trenton, NJ 08625-0037

Dear Judge Grant:

Please consider this letter as a request to implement the recommendations referenced within the New Jersey State Bar Association's Pandemic Task Force Practice of Law report at pages nine though eleven as they pertain to the practice of Family Law. Not only have those practices proven effective during the pandemic, they have also saved clients (the public) time and money and increased access to the courts and counsel or one's own choosing. Clients who could not attend certain court events because of work or family commitments are now able to do so. Clients are also able to select an attorney of their choosing with less limitations on geography. Allowing these practices to remain remote will allow these benefits to continue.

Further, the remote practices have allowed counsel and the court to handle more events in a day and on an emergent basis because there is no travel involved. These practices have also improved the work-life balance for counsel, judges and staff. These changes have also prompted many to look at other ways to improve our justice system. I hope that these remote practices will remain and the conversations as to other ways to improve will continue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

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