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Glenn A. Grant, Administrative Director of the Courts Comments on the Report of the Special Committee on the Duration of Disbarment for Knowing Misappropriation (Wade Committee) Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box, 037 Trenton, NJ 08625-0037

Dear Mr. Grant:

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my strong support for Dionne Wade and her application for the restoration of her law license. As someone who has known Dionne since her childhood, I can attest to her character, determination and unwavering commitment to justice.

I have witnessed Dionne's journey firsthand, growing up in challenging circumstances with limited resources. Raised by a single mother, she experienced frequent relocation, depriving her of the stability many of us take for granted. However, despite these adversities, Dionne always displayed exceptional resilience and a remarkable dedication to her studies.

From a young age, Dionne dreamed of becoming a lawyer to make a positive impact on people's lives. Her passion for justice and desire to help those in need led her to pursue a legal education at The Claude W. Petit College of Law at Ohio Northern University. Dionne's perseverance paid off, and she successfully graduated and passed the New Jersey state bar examination.

Following her admission to the bar, Dionne established her practice in the impoverished community of Paterson, NJ. Her decision to serve in an underserved area exemplifies her commitment to social justice and providing legal assistance to those who are less fortunate. Dionne's involvement in pro bono work within her church further demonstrates her dedication to serving the community and ensuring access to justice for all.

While I understand that Dionne's license was revoked due to the misuse of client funds, I firmly believe in the power of redemption and the capacity for personal growth. I have

seen Dionne acknowledge her mistakes and take full responsibility for her actions. She has worked tirelessly to make amends and learn from her past missteps, showing immense remorse and a genuine desire to regain the trust of her clients and the legal profession.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support Dionne Wade's quest for the restoration of her law license. Her genuine commitment to justice, her track record of community service, and her deep remorse for past actions make her a worthy candidate for reinstatement. I have complete faith in Dionne's ability to contribute positively to the legal profession and serve as an exemplary role model for aspiring attorneys.

Thank you for considering my perspective and taking the time to review Dionne Wade's application for reinstatement. Should you require any further information or references, please do not hesitate to contact me at (347) 834-6527 or <u>Robert.2053@gmail.com</u>.

Sincerely, Robert Wethinford

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