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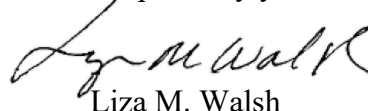
**Re: Comment on the Midcycle Report of the Committee on
Rules of Evidence on N.J.R.E. 702**

Dear Judge Blee:

This letter is submitted on behalf of this law firm, which represents clients in a wide variety of litigated matters pending in the Courts of this State. The New Jersey Defense Association submitted letters dated October 21, 2024 and April 17, 2026 urging the Supreme Court of New Jersey to adopt the proposed amendment to N.J.R.E. 702, which would bring that Rule into conformity with Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence. For the reasons set forth in the NJDA letters, we support this rule change. The revised text conforms to the Court's analysis in In re Accutane, 234 N.J. 340, 383 (2018). As noted in the April 17, 2026 NJDA letter, Justice LaVecchia in Accutane cited with approval (at 399) the law review article that brought to the federal judiciary's attention the need to revise Rule 702 due to lower courts' failure to apply the Rule in scrutinizing expert testimony. See David E. Bernstein & Eric G. Lasker, Defending Daubert: It's Time to Amend Federal Rule of Evidence 702, 57 Wm. & Mary L. Rev. 1, 26-36 (2015).

We thank the Court for its attention to this important matter and look forward to the May 18, 2026 hearing on the proposed amendment.

Respectfully yours,



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