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The Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice
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**Re: In re Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Professional Ethics
Opinion No. 745
Docket No. 089278**

MARY E. TOSCANO
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Letter on behalf of the Essex County Bar Association
Joining the Brief and Arguments of the
New Jersey State Bar Association In Support of Petition For Review

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Dear Chief Justice Rabner:

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On behalf of the Essex County Bar Association ("ECBA"), kindly accept this letter, in lieu of a more formal submission, joining in and supporting the arguments advanced by the New Jersey State Bar Association ("NJSBA") in its brief filed in support of its Petition to review Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Professional Ethics Opinion No. 745. The legal arguments submitted by the NJSBA are well reasoned and identify the harm that will be visited upon lawyers and their clients if Opinion No. 745 is allowed to stand. Accordingly, for all of the reasons advanced by the NJSBA, the ECBA respectfully requests this Court to grant the Petition and hold that certified lawyers may pay, and out-of-state lawyers may accept, referral fees as contemplated by the plain language of R. 1:39-6 to avoid harm to both the lawyers of this state and their clients.

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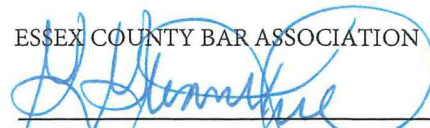
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