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Hon. Glenn A. Grant J.A.D., Acting Administrative Dir.
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Dear Judge Grant:

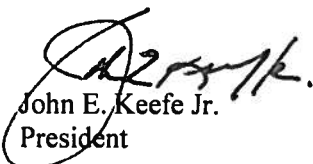
Central to the mission of the New Jersey State Bar Association is improving the profession for both attorneys and those who avail themselves of the legal system to resolve their disputes. It is in this spirit that the NJSBA submits the following recommendations to improve the practice of law in New Jersey and requests that consideration of each be made by the appropriate Supreme Court committees:

1. Creation of a Juvenile Probation Treatment program, a treatment-oriented deferred disposition program for individuals who are charged on a juvenile complaint with a sexual offense;
2. Revision to Court Rule 4:24-1 and 4:36-3, as they apply to extension of discovery end dates and scheduling of trial dates, specifically adding a provision to the rule governing discover end-date extensions on affidavit of the parties, (which would be automatically granted) rather than on certification of the attorneys; and
3. Revision to Court Rule 4:21A-1(a), which governs arbitration of certain civil cases, that would permit parties 60 days to file a request for a trial de novo, rather than the 30 days currently allowed.

By way of background, these recommendations are the product of a Practice of Law Task Force, which was created under the leadership of 2017-2018 President Robert B. Hille to review evaluate, identify and review issues surrounding the practice of law. The NJSBA Board of Trustees reviewed the recommendations and approved their adoption.

Today, we forward those proposals, with research and commentary in the attached report, for consideration. The NJSBA stands ready to provide any additional information or guidance on the recommendations.

Very truly yours,


John E. Keefe Jr.
President