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Honorable Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Administrative Director of the Courts
Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 037
Trenton, NJ 08625-0037

Re: Children in Court Improvement Committee

Dear Judge Grant:

On behalf of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA), I respectfully request that the NJSBA be recognized as a stakeholder member of the Children in Court Improvement Committee (CICIC), and that the NJSBA be permitted to name a designee to serve on the committee.

The CICIC makes important recommendations in connection with court protocol, policy, rule changes, court manuals, court forms, and other court operations relating to children in the court system. We believe the NJSBA can offer significant contributions to the committee and can enhance its critical work. Our members include pool attorneys assigned to indigent parents by the Office of Parental Representation, conflict attorneys for the Office of the Law Guardian, and attorneys retained by parents in DCPD cases. They often have experience beyond the abuse and neglect "FN" and guardianship "FG" dockets and can offer practical recommendations and have unique insights into crossover areas of law such as domestic violence, family court, custody, criminal law and education issues. According to AOC Directive #03-21, the CICIC is charged with "encouraging planning and coordination at the state level." The inclusion of the NJSBA, with the breadth of experience noted above, will certainly advance that mission and help to ensure the varied perspectives of the issues discussed are accounted for.

For these reasons, again, I respectfully request that the NJSBA be recognized as a stakeholder member of the CICIC and be permitted to have a designee on the committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Domenick Carmagnola".

Domenick Carmagnola, Esq.
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cc: Jeralyn L. Lawrence, Esq., NJSBA President-Elect
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