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Dear Mr. Babcock,

In December 2009 the Judicial Council of California submitted a report to the State Legislature on the historical disparities in judicial benefits as required under Senate Bill X2 11. In the report, the Judicial indicated that they would submit a second report to the Legislature that provides further information about the monetary and non-monetary factors that affect judicial recruitment and retention and, if appropriate, make recommendations that would better attract the most qualified judicial candidates and maintain the excellence of California's judiciary.

To assist with the analysis of the factors that affect judicial recruitment, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), staff agency to the Judicial Council, would like to survey a randomly selected group of attorneys to help us better understand what attracts, or fails to attract, qualified attorneys to become judges. The individual responses to the survey will be confidential. The survey will be conducted using an online survey tool and we estimate that the survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

The AOC would like to request the following from the State Bar of California:

1. Access to your membership list so we can randomly select an appropriate pool of attorneys to complete the survey. We will only need access to those members that have been active attorneys for 10 or more years. We would also like the membership list to

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include all affiliate bar memberships for each attorney. We are working with the National Center of State Courts to assist us in determining the sample.

2. If your membership list does not include the public email address for the attorneys selected, would you be willing to send an email to the selected attorneys asking them to complete the online survey tool? The AOC will develop the email which will describe the purpose for the survey and include a link to the online survey tool. Given the number of surveys that will be sent out it is important to have the survey information distributed through electronic means (we estimate approximately 8,000-10,000).

I appreciate your consideration of our request and please contact me at 916-263-1333 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Regional Administrative Director

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cc: Hon. Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District  
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