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VIA E-MAIL; CONFIRMATION VIA HAND DELIVERY

Camilla Kieliger
 Judicial Council of California
 Administrative Office of the Courts
 455 Golden Gate Ave
 San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Joinder of Bay Area News Group and The Press Democrat Media Company
 in Press Groups' Comments on Mandatory E-Filing:
Uniform Rules To Implement Assembly Bill 2073 (Item W13-05)

Dear Ms. Kieliger:

Bay Area News Group and The Press Democrat Media Company write to join in the comments submitted on January 25, 2012 by California Newspaper Publishers Association, the First Amendment Coalition, Californians Aware, and Courthouse News Service (the "Press Groups") in response to the invitation for comments on "Mandatory E-Filing: Uniform Rules To Implement Assembly Bill 2073."

Although the official window for submitting comments closed on January 25, Bay Area News Group and The Press Democrat Media Company wish to alert the Judicial Council and its Court Technology and Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committees that they share the Press Groups' concerns about the potential impact of the proposed mandatory e-filing rules.

Bay Area News Group covers the Bay Area with an array of print and digital products, including The San Jose Mercury News, the Oakland Tribune, the Contra Costa Times, the Marin Independent Journal, San Mateo County Times, East County Times, San Ramon Valley Times, The Daily News, The Pacifica Tribune, and Santa Cruz Sentinel. Bay Area News Group is powered by MediaNews group, one of the largest newspaper companies in the United States, operating nearly 60 daily newspapers in 13 states with combined daily and Sunday circulation of approximately 2.6 million and 2.9 million, respectively.

The **Press Democrat Media Company** publishes The Press Democrat, whose readership of approximately 250,000 adults makes it the largest newspaper between San Francisco and the Oregon border, and web sites including PressDemocrat.com, Petaluma360.com, NorthBayBusinessJournal.com, and WatchSonomaCounty.com.

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Bay Area News Group and The Press Democrat Media Company join the Press Groups in urging the Judicial Council to eliminate the “officially filed” language in the proposed changes to Rules 2.250(b)(7) and 2.259(c) and proposed new Rule 2.253(b)(7) and to postpone the adoption of mandatory e-filing rules until the pilot program in Orange County Superior Court has been evaluated, including its impact on access to newly filed court records.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Matteo-Boehm", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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On Behalf of Bay Area News Group and The Press Democrat Media Company