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Hon. Michael J. Blee, J.A.D. Administrative Director of the Courts Comments on Proposed HDMI Standard for Digital Presentations Hughes Justice Complex / P.O. Box 037 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0037

Re: Comments on Proposed HDMI Standard for Digital Presentations

Dear Judge Blee:

On behalf of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA), thank you for the opportunity to review and provide feedback on a proposal to establish HDMI as the standard for the presentation of electronic or digital content in court proceedings

The NJSBA supports the proposal to the extent it is informational so court users can rely upon the availability of an HDMI connection to present electronic and digital information in all court proceedings. We do not believe, however, that HDMI should be a *required* standard for presentation of digital media evidence. To ensure that relevant and proper evidence is not excluded in any matter, the NJSBA urges that reasonable relaxation standards should be applied in appropriate situations, especially for self-represented litigants, and that litigants be provided the flexibility to use other means to present evidence, if they choose, as long as they can provide all of the necessary technology to do so.

Again, the Association appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments in connection with ensuring the ability of litigants to present critical information in a court proceeding. We hope the comments represent meaningful feedback and are helpful in the Judiciary's review.

Respectfully,

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