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May 18, 2007

SENT VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Honorable Mervyn M. Dymally
Member of the California Assembly
P.O. Box 942849
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Re: Citation of Unpublished Opinions

Dear Assemblymember Dymally:

Thank you for your letter of May 8, 2007, expressing your views on the subject of citation of unpublished opinions of the Courts of Appeal.

This is a matter to which I have devoted considerable thought over the years, and in fact a committee that I appointed, chaired by Supreme Court Justice Kathryn Werdegar, recently concluded a lengthy study on this subject after soliciting and receiving widespread comment from the judiciary, the bar, and members of the public.

Because of the complexity and fiscal ramifications of various proposals to change the current system, I would welcome the opportunity to sit down with you in your office at the Capitol (or in my chambers in San Francisco, if you have plans to be here in the near future) to share my views with you.

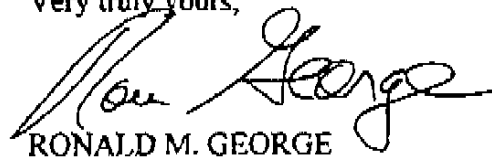
By copy of this letter, I am asking Kate Howard, the Director of the Administrative Office of the Court's Governmental Affairs Office in Sacramento, to contact your office to set up a mutually convenient time and place for you and I to discuss this matter in person, if that would be agreeable to you.

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I thank you for your thoughtful letter to me and for your continued interest in the administration of justice in our state, and look forward to communicating with you further on this subject.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron George", written in a cursive style.

RONALD M. GEORGE

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cc: Honorable Vaino H. Spencer, Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal,
Second Appellate District, Division One
Mr. William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the Courts
Ms. Kate Howard, Director, AOC Office of Governmental Affairs