



CENTER FOR JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE

July 18, 2006

The Honorable Faye D'Opal  
Hall of Justice  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

Dear Judge D'Opal:

We at the Center for Judicial Excellence (CJE) would like to officially request a meeting with Judge Verna Adams and you to introduce our new nonprofit organization, discuss our goals and explore the potential for a productive and collaborative long-term relationship between CJE and the Marin County Superior Court.

The Center for Judicial Excellence is very interested in working with you as representatives of the Marin bench to discuss ways that we might collaborate to establish procedures that will serve both the public interest and the interests of the Marin Superior Court.

We are available to meet with you **anytime between August 9 and August 23, 2006**. Please let us know if you have any openings in your schedule during this time period. We look forward to finding a mutually agreeable time to meet, and, ultimately, to strengthening the relationship between the Marin County Superior Court and the Marin community it serves. If it is not possible due to schedule demands to meet with both you and Judge Adams at the same time, then we also welcome the opportunity to meet with you individually.

We are excited by the opportunity for an open and meaningful exchange with you. Please let us know of your availability by sending a written response to the address below or by calling 415-267-6149. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

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