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Assembly Judiciary Committee
Legislative Building
401 S. Carson Street
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Re: AB 210

Pending before your committee is AB 210 – a bill wisely rejected last session. It would require the “mediation of everything,” for the profit of a small group of people who would effectively set up a toll booth to all litigants in family court, slowing the litigation process and leading to poorer outcomes for many and increased delay and costs to all. It has *not* been approved by and is not supported by the Family Law Section or the Nevada chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and it contradicts existing statutes. The American Bar Association has twice rejected such proposals as bad policy.

When this was previously proposed, those of us knowledgeable in family law challenged the proponents to *volunteer* their services for at least a pilot project – none of them would do so.

Attached is a detailed analysis of the proposal explaining how and why it is a bad idea that would be poor public policy if enacted, in the form of legal note # 56 (“Mandatory Mediation of Everything: A Rotten Idea”) issued in January, 2013. The proposal has not improved since that time, and the bill should be rejected.

I would be happy to supply whatever further information, background, or assistance the Committee might request.

Sincerely yours,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marshal S. Willick', written over a white background.

Marshal S. Willick, Esq.