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The National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts supports the proposal to incorporate diversity awareness into the New Jersey CLE requirement.

The National Consortium mission statement provides that we are *committed to encouraging the highest courts of each state to create commissions to examine the treatment accorded minorities in their courts; sharing the collective knowledge of task forces and commissions with courts, law enforcement, and the community; and providing technical assistance and expertise to commissions, task forces, and other interested organizations and individuals on the subject of racial and ethnic fairness.*

In order to promote a court system that is fair to all and free of racial and ethnic bias, the National Consortium will work collaboratively to: Advance efforts to eliminate bias from court operations, promote equal access to the courts and inspire a high level of trust and public confidence in the courts . . . and [s]trongly encourage the highest courts of each state to create, revitalize and support commissions to examine racial and ethnic fairness within their courts.

The proposed amendment aligns with the objectives of the National Consortium and our quest for a bias free judicial system. We applaud the New Jersey Supreme Court, DICE and the AOC administration for taking decisive steps to advance their stated recommitment to ensure the New Jersey court system eliminates barriers to equal justice.

<https://www.njcourts.gov/notices/2020/n200915a.pdf>

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