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Resolution to Support the Ohio State Bar Association Model Judicial Mid-Term Evaluation Program

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The Ohio Judicial Conference supports the Ohio State Bar Association's model Judicial Mid-Term Evaluation program as a productive method for providing constructive and confidential feedback for Ohio judges from those who practice before them. The Judicial Conference urges any local bar association that seeks to implement the model program to give careful consideration to two issues:

- (1) Confidentiality is a crucial component of the program, and any implementation should adhere closely to the confidentiality provisions spelled out in the model protocol.
- (2) To provide truly constructive feedback, a mid-term evaluation must reach beyond the attorneys in the home county of a given court and seek a representative sample of attorneys who actually practice before a judge, regardless of where they reside.

In small counties with few practicing attorneys, the above considerations are especially important and a successful implementation of the model protocol will require special efforts.

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