

Written testimony regarding SB116

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I am submitting this written testimony as an individual citizen and licensed attorney, **not** as a representative of the Orphans' Court. I am in favor of the passage of this bill, which was derived from a recommendation of a task force, in an effort to standardize practices state wide within the Orphans' Court. Allowing attorneys in **all** jurisdictions to engage in the practice of law, while also serving as an Orphans' Court Judge with the appropriate restrictions contained in this bill, is a benefit to both current and future attorneys who wish to continue utilizing their legal training and expertise, while also sitting on the bench as an Orphans' Court Judge. Many practicing attorneys are discouraged from service on the Orphans' Court if required to abandon their practice of law. This prohibition deprives the community of a necessary resource and attorneys from a source of income. This change can only benefit the citizens of their respective counties. Therefore, I urge you to pass SB116.