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colleagues,

we write to share a concerning note we received from the superior court this week. [see below and attached] we have had, and will continue to have, conversations with judge gantman about the issue and how to address it. the court views this as a very serious problem. judge gantman will now personally review every extension request from our office. the court's goals are (1) we get our caseload current, and then, going forward, (2) we'll rarely be asking for more than one 30-day extension. we fully recognize that these are daunting goals.

for the immediate project [getting our caseload current], we need information from you. by cob tomorrow, please send the three of us a listing of your current caseload [meaning cases where there is a current briefing due date, including cases with missed dates/late briefs] -- name of case, superior/supreme court docket number, original due date, number of extensions requested/received, current due date, and -- most importantly -- the date you expect you actually will file the brief. [the court has requested a report from us with this information.] please also provide us with the names, docket numbers, and filing dates of the last 3 briefs you filed [in either superior or supreme court].

we appreciate that everyone is going to have to work harder to get through this and get our caseload current. we want to support you as best we can. we may need to reassign some briefs. we will have help from some fed lit lawyers [many of whom are experienced appeals lawyers]. we have three law school interns who hopefully will ease the load. for now, we are not going to have appeals lawyers run lists for pcr. we need all hands on deck in appeals!

we are scheduling a zoom meeting monday 8/31, at 10 am to discuss. we welcome your thoughts/ideas.

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