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New Orleans Chapter

Resolution
in Favor of Retaining
the Orleans Civil District Court & First City Court
in Downtown New Orleans

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Whereas, over 6,700 lawyers and their support staff occupy over 30% of downtown office space in New Orleans which substantially contributes to the economic vitality of downtown New Orleans;

Whereas, this legal cluster exists downtown because of the proximity to federal and state courts, including the Civil District Court, the First City Court, the United States District Court, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal and other administrative courts;

Whereas studies indicate that proximity to courts, especially being in walking distance, is a leading factor in lawyers' decisions to locate law offices;

Whereas, having such a large number of lawyers in close proximity to these courts facilitates court appearances and allows the lawyers and judges to collaborate on community, educational and bar projects;

Whereas, moving the Orleans Civil District Court and First City Court will substantially undermine the viability of downtown New Orleans;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Federal Bar Association encourages the retention of the Orleans Civil District Court and First City Court in downtown New Orleans, thereby increasing the effectiveness of the legal community and the prosperity of downtown New Orleans.

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