

**GREATER NEW ORLEANS
LOUIS A. MARTINET LEGAL SOCIETY, INC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

**Resolution in Favor of Retaining the Orleans Parish Civil District Court
and First City Court in Downtown New Orleans**

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

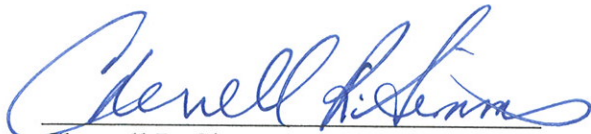
Whereas, this legal cluster exists downtown because of the proximity to federal and state courts, including the Civil District Court, First City Court, the United States District Court, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals,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

Whereas studies indicate that the proximity to the 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 Executive Board Members of the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. 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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