



**New Orleans Bar Association Opposed
To Closure of the United States Postal Service
New Orleans Processing and Distribution Center
at 701 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans**

New Orleans, LA – November 7, 2011 - The New Orleans Bar Association is opposed to the closure of the United States Postal Service (USPS) New Orleans Processing and Distribution Center at 701 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA. Lawyers and courts are heavy users of both the regular and specialty services of the New Orleans Post Office, and rely upon the proximity of the facility on Loyola Avenue in New Orleans.

Over 9,000 lawyers and their support staff are located in downtown New Orleans. This legal cluster is in close proximity to the Post Office, which plays an essential support role to lawyers, law firms, and several Courts downtown. Broadening that scope to include the metropolitan New Orleans area, the USPS New Orleans Processing and Distribution Center supports the critical communication function of more than half of Louisiana's 21,000+ lawyers.

In addition, closing the USPS facility would cause the loss of 880 jobs, which would have a detrimental effect on the vitality of downtown New Orleans, increasing the economic hardship to the City of New Orleans.

New Orleans Bar Association encourages the retention of the USPS New Orleans Processing and Distribution Center at 701 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, thereby supporting the critical communication function of lawyers and courts which significantly contributes to the economic well being of New Orleans.

Steps to Take to Retain the USPS Facility at 701 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans

1. Write the USPS explaining the detrimental impact the closure of this facility would have on your law practice. Send the letters to:

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW, RM 4012
WASHINGTON, DC 20260-2200

2. Appear at the USPS Public Hearing to express your opposition to the closure:

Tuesday, November 8, 2011
6 p.m.
New Orleans City Council's Chambers
1300 Perdido St., New Orleans