



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 21, 2010

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ACT 900,
WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE BUILDING OF A NEW COURTHOUSE FOR
ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT
FINANCED IN PART BY AN INCREASE IN FILING FEES

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Bar Association is committed to preserving the dignity and viability of the justice system;

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Bar Association serves the public good by improving the administration of justice and increasing access to justice;

WHEREAS, the current civil courthouse does not adequately serve the public and is not conducive to the effective administration of justice;

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Bar Association has recognized for over twenty years that in the interest of justice, a new courthouse located in downtown New Orleans was needed for the Orleans Parish Civil Courts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in the best interests of the public and for the efficient administration of justice, the New Orleans Bar Association asserts that funding for the new civil courthouse be provided in part by an increase in filing fees, except in cases involving juvenile and family matters;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Orleans Bar Association urges the Judicial Council of the Louisiana Supreme Court to grant the authority to the Orleans Parish Civil District Court and the Orleans Parish Clerk of Court to impose additional costs for services as provided for in Act 900 of the Louisiana Legislature's Regular Session, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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