



Resolution Urging Congress to Increase Judicial Funding

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color (CBAC), organized in 1983, is a coalition created to act as a collective voice for issues of common concern to its member organizations; and

WHEREAS, the member organizations of the CBAC are the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA); and

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2012 the federal judiciary sought its smallest funding increase on record: \$7.3 billion in appropriations; and

WHEREAS, this past December, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 was passed by Congress and ultimately signed by the President. Under this Act, the Judiciary received \$6.97 billion, a 1 percent increase above the fiscal year 2011 enacted; and

WHEREAS, the Judiciary does not have the discretion to decline or defer cases based on resource constraints, it is required to adjudicate the cases regardless of staffing and resource levels in the federal courts. The fiscal year 2012 funding level for the Judiciary will result in significant staffing losses with significant losses in clerks of court and probation and pretrial services offices nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Judiciary's workload is already at or near record levels in most filing categories; swelling dockets, delayed cases and limited access to the legal system in jurisdictions throughout the country are just a few examples of the consequences to this budgetary shortfall.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CBAC urges Congress to address this budgetary shortfall and increase funding to the judiciary; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CBAC authorizes the communication of the content of this resolution to members of the U.S. Senate, members of the U.S. House of Representatives, the press, and to others the CBAC deems appropriate to receive the information; and

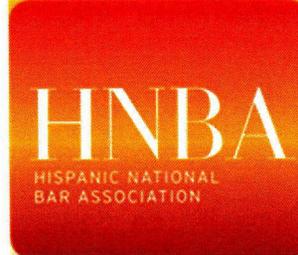
THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the legislative priority of the CBAC until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

We, the duly elected leadership of the Hispanic National Bar Association, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the National Bar Association, and the National Native American Bar Association, hereby certify that this resolution was duly enacted by the CBAC at its annual meeting on the 16th of May 2012.

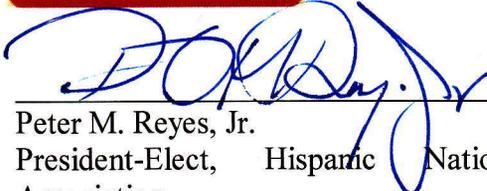


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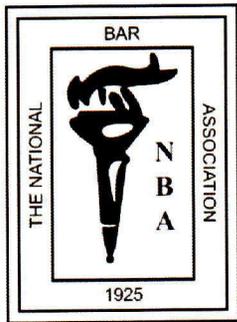




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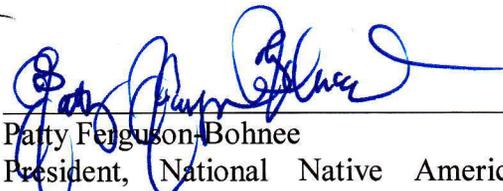


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