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**RESOLUTION
OF
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF
THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA**

Whereas an exceptional number of judicial vacancies (including one caused by the untimely and tragic death of Judge John Roll) prompted the United States District Court for the District of Arizona to declare a judicial emergency on January 21, 2011;

Whereas that emergency allows for some criminal trials to be delayed by up to a year, delaying justice for all involved;

Whereas certain Department of Homeland Security policies together with an increase in the number of federal prosecutors have increased the caseload in Federal Courts (particularly in Tucson);

Whereas criminal cases in Arizona have increased 65 percent since 2008, and the bulk of the criminal caseload is assigned to the Tucson division of the District of Arizona, where three judges currently handle approximately 1,200 cases each;

Whereas the current caseload would support as many as 18 judgeships in Arizona;

Whereas the Arizona District Court is authorized 13 judgeships and currently has three vacancies, with two of the vacancies in the Tucson division;

Be it resolved by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Arizona that:

1. The Board of Governors urges the Federal Government to take swift action to fill judicial vacancies;
2. The Board of Governors urges the Federal Government to consider additional judgeships in the District of Arizona;
3. The Board of Governors urges the Federal Government to add more court staff and facilities, particularly in the Tucson division.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2011.



Alan P. Bayham, Jr., President