

**LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association believes that maintaining adequate levels of compensation for judges is necessary in order to attract and retain the best qualified persons to serve on the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of the LSBA believes that judicial independence is an important element in maintaining balance between the branches of government; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association further believes there should be independent mechanisms for determining judicial compensation levels; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association further believes these mechanisms should be reviewed on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is one of only a handful of states with a Judicial Compensation Commission, whose sole mission is to concentrate on the salaries and benefits for state judges.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association go on record in support of efforts to establish and maintain adequate compensation for judges and in support of an independent commission to review and recommend judicial compensation, namely, the Judicial Compensation Commission.

Approved by Board of Governors  
November 8, 2003  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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WAYNE J. LEE, PRESIDENT