

RESOLUTIONS

ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN ATTORNEYS

WHEREAS, part of the mission of the Association for Women Attorneys is to promote the administration of justice and to promote the welfare of women in the legal profession in Louisiana, particularly in post-Katrina New Orleans;

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

WHEREAS, the dedication of space for a new civil courts building, in downtown New Orleans supports the effective administration of justice;

WHEREAS, the dedication of this space in downtown New Orleans to the Orleans Civil Courts would retain the Civil Courts in the Central Business District, thereby supporting the prosperity of downtown New Orleans;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association for Women Attorneys supports Act 768 of the Louisiana Legislature's Regular Session, 2010.

WHEREAS, the Association for Women Attorneys is committed to preserving the dignity and viability of the justice system;

WHEREAS, the Association for Women Attorneys serves the public good by improving the administration of justice and increasing access to justice for all persons, including women;

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

WHEREAS, the Association for Women Attorneys 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 Association for Women Attorneys 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 Association for Women Attorneys 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.