

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED STATE FUNDING
TO BOTH LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

WHEREAS the Arkansas Supreme Court created the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission in response to a petition filed by the Arkansas Bar Association; the Commission's charge includes encouraging a strong and consistent commitment among the leaders of our state to providing equal access to justice.

WHEREAS the Commission concluded that it is necessary and appropriate to make a request to the Legislature and the Governor for increased funding for our two legal service providers, the Center for Arkansas Legal Services and Legal Aid of Arkansas.

WHEREAS the support of the Arkansas Bar Association will be critical in the Commission's efforts and the Commission is not requesting that any legislation to increase state funding to our legal service providers be made a part of the Association's legislative package.

Now THEREFORE be it resolved that the Arkansas Bar Association hereby adopts a resolution recognizing the need for and importance of increased state financial support for both legal service providers.

Be it so RESOLVED by the House of Delegates this _____ day of _____, 2008.

ARKANSAS BAR ASSOCIATION

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