

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE
REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

RESOLUTION

1 RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges states to establish clearly articulated
2 procedures for:

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4 A. Judicial disqualification determinations; and

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6 B. Prompt review by another judge or tribunal, or as otherwise provided by law or
7 rule of court, of denials of requests to disqualify a judge.

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges states in which judges are
9 subject to elections of any kind to adopt:

10 A. Disclosure requirements for litigants and lawyers who have provided, directly or
11 indirectly, campaign support in an election involving a judge before whom they
12 are appearing.

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14 B. Guidelines for judges concerning disclosure and disqualification obligations
15 regarding campaign contributions.

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17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional
18 Responsibility and the Standing Committee on Professional Discipline should proceed on an
19 expedited basis to consider what amendments, if any, should be made to the ABA Model Code
20 of Judicial Conduct or to the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct to provide necessary
21 additional guidance to the states on disclosure requirements and standards for judicial
22 disqualification.