

SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR
ON JUDGE-BASHING
FOR BAR LEADERS

This campaign season has seen some of the sharpest attacks on judges in recent memory. They need to stop. Our judiciary is too important to be tossed about in the political currents.

Throughout history, judges have protected society from those who would break our laws, provided venues for peacefully settling disputes, and defended our rights and liberties against government encroachment.

The judiciary has never been immune from criticism, but in recent years disdain for the judges bordered on the hysterical, as they have increasingly been held up as scapegoats or caught in the crosscurrents of debates over the hot-button social issues of our time—same-sex marriage, the Pledge of Allegiance, flag desecration, and tort reform, to name just few.

As a result, Americans are becoming increasingly cynical about the fairness and equity of their courts. This is a dangerous trend. To allow politics to interfere with the courts is to undercut 200 years of constitutional tradition.