

ADOPTED AS REVISED**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION****STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL JUDICIAL IMPROVEMENTS****SECTION OF LITIGATION****SECTION OF ANTITRUST****NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF FEDERAL TRIAL JUDGES****NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE TRIAL JUDGES****STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE****SECTION OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW****NATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY LAW ASSOCIATION****COALITION FOR JUSTICE****AMERICAN JUDICATURE SOCIETY****COMMISSION ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY****NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATIONS****SECTION OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW****CENTER FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY****REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES****RECOMMENDATION**

1 RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association supports the selection as federal judges
 2 of men and women of diverse backgrounds and experiences, whose professional
 3 competence, integrity, and judicial temperament, including commitment to equal justice
 4 under law, fully qualify them to serve in the federal judiciary;

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 6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association supports the practice of
 7 federal judges providing advance notice of their intention to leave active federal judicial
 8 service in order to facilitate the timely nomination of individuals to vacant judgeships;

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 10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association encourages the senators in
 11 each state jointly and the delegates in each territory to appoint (in cooperation with others
 12 not of their party when appropriate) bipartisan commissions of lawyers and other leaders,
 13 reflecting the diversity of the profession and the community, to evaluate the
 14 qualifications of prospective district judges and to recommend possible nominees whom
 15 their senators or delegate might suggest for the President's consideration;

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17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association endorses the use of
18 bipartisan commissions to consider and recommend prospective nominees for the United
19 States Courts of Appeals;

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association recommends that the
21 President consult with Senate leaders of both parties and the home state senators or
22 delegate in advance of submitting nominations;

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24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges the President and
25 Senate to promptly fill judicial vacancies and act expeditiously, especially with respect
26 to nominees recommended by bipartisan commissions; and

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28 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution supersedes the August 1977 resolution
29 (appended) concerning the judicial nomination and confirmation process.

