

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION
TO
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #3
Regarding
THE MISSOURI NON-PARTISAN COURT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan was adopted by the citizens of Missouri 72 years ago to remove partisan politics to the maximum extent possible from selection of non-partisan judges in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the current Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan continues to produce a well-qualified, diverse and impartial judiciary in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Constitutional Amendment # 3, on the November 6, 2012 ballot, would give the next and all future Governors virtually unchecked control over the appointment of appellate judges in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, such control would destroy the important balance struck under the existing Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan, which carefully avoids allowing politicians or special interest groups control over the process:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **THE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF ST. LOUIS** expresses its strong support for the existing Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **THE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF ST. LOUIS** opposes Constitutional Amendment #3 as an effort to increase partisan politics with respect to the selection of judges in Missouri.

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