

OCBA Resolution 2011 R - 01

Campaign for Justice Month

WHEREAS Interest on Lawyer Trust Account (IOLTA) funds in California have decreased significantly over the last three years, resulting in unavoidable cuts in IOLTA funding for legal services for Californians in need; and

WHEREAS other funding sources for legal services for Californians of limited means have been cut or are threatened; and

WHEREAS unemployment, foreclosures, and other aspects of the current economy have increased the need for legal services, with more than six million Californians now living in poverty; and

WHEREAS a network of attorneys and other leaders who care about fairness and seek to ensure that all Californians have access to justice under the law have organized a "Campaign for Justice", through which legal aid and pro bono lawyers will keep families in their homes, enable children to access health care, secure wrongfully denied unemployment benefits and help persons with disabilities get Social Security; and

WHEREAS the lead entities in the "Campaign for Justice" are the Office of Legal Services of the State Bar of California and the Legal Aid Association of California, an organization made up of more than 75 legal services providers; and

WHEREAS in October 2011, the "Campaign for Justice" will launch a coordinated statewide effort to increase awareness of the need for increased resources to provide legal services for those in need, under the banner: "CHOOSE JUSTICE, Increasing Justice for Those Without"; and

WHEREAS the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California and LAAC have declared October 2011 as "Campaign for Justice Month" in support of the campaign to increase resources for legal services for those of limited means;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Orange County Bar Association recognizes October 2011 as Campaign for Justice Month.

ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR