

Los Angeles County Bar Association (“LACBA”)
Board of Trustees Resolution
Recognizing October as Campaign for Justice Month
Adopted September 25, 2013

WHEREAS, Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (“IOLTA”) funds in California have decreased significantly since 2008, resulting in unavoidable cuts in IOLTA funding for legal services for Californians in need;

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

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;

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, including legal services organizations, private attorneys, the Office of Legal Services of the State Bar of California, and the Legal Aid Association of California, 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;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Campaign for Justice is to raise awareness about the importance of legal services and access issues, increase contributions and fundraising for legal services, and encourage pro bono services that leverage legal aid resources;

WHEREAS, the Campaign for Justice launched a coordinated statewide effort in October 2011 to increase awareness of the need for increased resources to provide legal services for those in need;

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2011, the LACBA Board of Trustees adopted a Resolution recognizing October 2011 as Campaign for Justice Month, and the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California and the Legal Aid Association of California declared October as Campaign for Justice Month; and

WHEREAS, the LACBA Access to Justice Committee supports recognizing October as Campaign for Justice Month in light of LACBA’s strong support for raising awareness about the importance of legal services and access issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles County Bar Association recognizes October as Campaign for Justice Month.