



**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DESERT BAR ASSOCIATION  
IN SUPPORT OF ADDITIONAL JUDGES BEING ALLOTTED TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside has a total of 76 judicial officers, and

**WHEREAS**, State court figures, based on population and caseload, indicate the County of Riverside should have as many as 133 judicial officers, and

**WHEREAS**, unprecedented case loads have resulted in the dismissal of felony and misdemeanor cases, and

**WHEREAS**, last minute trial assignments have resulted in victims being required to travel over 50 miles to testify, as well as create a reduction in law enforcement as a result of such trial assignments, and

**WHEREAS**, civil matters have been virtually stopped as a result of priority given to criminal matters causing access to resolution of civil disputes to be alarmingly delayed, and

**WHEREAS**, the caseload in Riverside County is so great and the backlog of criminal and civil matters so significant, it cannot be resolved by providing additional short-term resources as the State has done since August 2007, and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Riverside County deserve and are entitled to access to the judicial system that can only be obtained through the allocation of sufficient resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Desert Bar Association assembled in regular session on April 17, 2008, that the Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor of California, and Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny and Senator Robert Dutton are urged to work with the legislature to prioritize funding for the desperately needed judicial positions in the County of Riverside.