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— ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER —

Keep Politics Out of Our Courts

Judicial Independence means fair and impartial judges free from political pressures and special interests. Recently two judges in Orange County have come under attack for decisions they made in their capacity as Judges of the Superior Court. Each of these respected jurists weathered vicious attacks and one faces recall assertions from groups, including some located outside of our County.

Judicial independence is under attack. We in the OC Chapter of ABOTA reject attempts to politicize our courts and intimidate judges to forego using their best judgment, free of influence in making their rulings.

Politics has no place in our courts. Judicial independence is threatened when recall is suggested as a response to an unpopular decision. Even a decision with which you disagree is not grounds for a recall. When a judge makes a mistake, the appeal process is there for correction. Politically correct decisions are not the standard nor are they always desired.

Judicial independence protects us all and is critical to safeguarding the rights of everyone of us.

