

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED MODEL RULE GUIDELINES AND
PROMOTING ONGOING JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVOCACY**

WHEREAS the issue of the judicial selection process in Marion County has been the subject of debate and proposed legislation on several occasions; and

WHEREAS the Indianapolis Bar Association has consistently reaffirmed its long-standing position in support of certain principles, including judicial election issues reform; and

WHEREAS the Indianapolis Bar Association Board of Directors has received for consideration Proposed Model Rule Guidelines related to participation in judicial campaigns and slating fees; and

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Indianapolis Bar Association Board of Directors to endorse the above referenced Model Rule Guidelines as positive short term improvements to the process; and

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Indianapolis Bar Association Board of Directors to promote the continued study and feasibility of further improvements to the judicial selection process,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Indianapolis Bar Association Board of Directors, hereby authorizes and empowers the Attorneys for an Independent Bench committee to:

1. Seek the immediate implementation of the proposed Model Rule Guidelines attached hereto by whatever means necessary, including but not limited to local rule adoption;
2. Continue to study, develop and propose for consideration any other relevant and advisable principles and tenets designed to further advance and improve the Marion County judicial selection system.