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Chicago, Illinois

**Resolution No. 9**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING  
THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S  
*JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE IN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
PROCEEDINGS: PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS FOR COURT  
ORGANIZATION, JUDICIAL SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT,  
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION, AND JUDICIAL EDUCATION***

**WHEREAS**, the American Bar Association (ABA) has undertaken drafting of *Judicial Excellence in Child Abuse and Neglect Proceedings: Principles and Standards for Court Organization, Judicial Selection and Assignment, Judicial Administration, and Judicial Education*; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Bar Association has involved judges and other professionals who are involved in child abuse and neglect proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, the NCJFCJ's Permanency Planning for Children Department Advisory Committee has provided input and suggestions and the ABA has incorporated the suggestions into the *Judicial Excellence Standards*; and

**WHEREAS**, these principles and standards promote judicial excellence in child abuse and neglect proceedings and will provide critical support for achieving the best practice court process envisioned in the NCJFCJ's *Resource Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases*.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the NCJFCJ Board of Trustees endorses the American Bar Association's *Judicial Excellence in Child Abuse and Neglect Proceedings: Principles and Standards for Court Organization, Judicial Selection and Assignment, Judicial Administration, and Judicial Education*, and agrees to serve as a co-sponsor with the ABA on the *Judicial Excellence Standards*.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009  
By the NCJFCJ Board of Trustees  
Chicago, Illinois