

# AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAW PRACTICE DIVISION

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To encourage the celebration of “Love Your Lawyer Day” annually on the first Friday of November and for other purposes related thereto

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PROPOSED BY: ABA Law Practice Division Work/Life Balance Task Force

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WHEREAS, Lawyers have consistently been the target of verbal bashing, derogatory portrayals and literature is rife with lawyer bashing dated back hundreds of years; and

WHEREAS, A 2013 Pew Research Center survey found lawyers last among ten professional categories for “contributions to society”;

WHEREAS, According to a 2014 Gallup survey, the public perception of lawyers on honesty and ethics is an unsatisfactory 21%; and

WHEREAS, The portrayal of lawyers in American popular culture, including on television and cinema, is largely negative, which promotes a negative stereotype of lawyers in society; and

WHEREAS, National Love Your Lawyer Day was initiated in 2001 by the American Lawyers Public Image Association as a day to celebrate lawyers for their many positive contributions, and to encourage the public to view lawyers in a more favorable light; and

WHEREAS, National Love Your Lawyer Day is celebrated annually on the first Friday of November; and

WHEREAS, The American Bar Association has as its mission to uphold the honor of the profession of law and to this end should promote a positive public image of lawyers in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The American Bar Association Law Practice Division desires to promote a positive public image of lawyers by celebrating National Love Your Lawyer Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the American Bar Association Law Practice Division Council:

SECTION 1. The first Friday of November be recognized and celebrated as “Love Your Lawyer Day”, a day for the public to celebrate lawyers and express their gratitude to them for their affirmative contributions to the public good and the administration of justice.

SECTION 2. Lawyers throughout the nation are urged to celebrate “Love Your Lawyer Day” to help promote a positive and more respected image of lawyers and their contributions to society and that they do so by providing pro bono legal services to their communities and supporting charitable causes that promote the administration of justice.