

**NCJFCJ Board of Trustees Annual Conference Meeting
July 19, 2006
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN BAR
ASSOCIATION'S YOUTH AT RISK INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, Karen Mathis will be installed as President of the American Bar Association at its Annual meeting in August 2006, in Honolulu, Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Karen Mathis has made Youth at Risk the focus of her bar year; and

WHEREAS, the NCJFCJ has a long and rich history of working on behalf of Youth at Risk; and

WHEREAS, the NCJFCJ through its numerous publications, has provided resources and best practices to the field, including:

- *JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GUIDELINES: Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Delinquency Cases;*
- *The Juvenile Court and Serious Offenders: 38 Recommendations;*
- *Reconnecting: The Role of the Juvenile Court in Reentry;*
- *Best Practices in Juvenile Corrections and Detention;*
- *Juvenile Probation: The Balanced Approach;*
- *RESOURCE GUIDELINES: Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse & Neglect Cases;*
- *ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY GUIDELINES: Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases;*
- *Deprived Children: A Judicial Response – 73 Recommendations;*
- *Protocol for Making Reasonable Efforts to Preserve Families in Drug-Related Dependency Cases;*
- *Indian Child Welfare Act Checklist;*
- *Questions Every Judge and Lawyer Should Ask About Infants and Toddlers in the Child Welfare System;*
- *Key Principles for Permanency Planning for Children;*
- *Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice;*
- *A Guide for Effective Issuance & Enforcement of Protection Orders;*
- *Full Faith and Credit: A Passport to Safety, A Judge's Bench Card;*
- *Family Violence: Improving Court Practice;*

- *Native American Resource Directory for Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and*

WHEREAS, the NCJFCJ has among its membership judges who are considered to be leading experts in the field; and

WHEREAS, the NCJFCJ has an expert and knowledgeable staff; and

WHEREAS, the NCJFCJ recognizes the continuing need to work on behalf of Youth at Risk;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCJFCJ does support and approve this Resolution and the efforts of the ABA, its sections, divisions and task forces to address the needs of Youth at Risk; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCJFCJ pledges to work collaboratively with President Mathis and to share its knowledge and expertise to help improve the lives of the nation's children.

Adopted this 19th day of July, 2006

By the Members of the Board of Trustees Assembled in Conference
In Milwaukee, Wisconsin