

RESOLUTION CONCERNING OPPOSITION TO THE \$50 SURCHARGE

WHEREAS, it currently is and historically has been the firm position of the North Carolina Bar Association that the courts belong to the people and not the lawyers;

WHEREAS, in 2005 the North Carolina Legislature passed the 2005 Appropriations Act (S.L. 2005-276), which contained an amendment to N.C.G.S. § 84-34 instructing the North Carolina State Bar to collect a \$50 surcharge from each and every member of the North Carolina State Bar, the proceeds of which are to be dedicated to public financing of appellate judicial elections;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned amendment singles out members of the North Carolina State Bar as the only individuals who must pay the \$50 surcharge; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Bar Association has resolved to oppose the \$50 surcharge;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Bar Association shall continue to oppose the \$50 surcharge and should pursue legislation that will lead to the repeal of the \$50 surcharge.

Adopted this 22nd day of January, 2009
by the Board of Governors of the North Carolina Bar Association



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