LACBA Litigation Section Statement in Support of the Independence of the Judiciary

Statement
In light of recent statements challenging the legitimacy of judicial opinions, including opinions issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Litigation Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association reaffirms its support of an independent and impartial judiciary that is free from political influence and intimidation. The judiciary’s independence and impartiality are foundational to our constitutional democracy. We affirm the right to challenge a judge’s ruling for reasons based in fact, law, or policy. However, when robust criticism of the federal judiciary crosses into personal attacks or intimidation, it threatens to undermine public confidence in the fairness of our courts, the constitutional checks and balances underlying our government, and the preservation of our courts. Therefore, we must remain vigilant to protect the judiciary against attacks that seek to undermine the public’s confidence in the legitimacy of the courts and in the rule of law. In doing so, we stand together with the judiciary, which serves as a vital component of our government’s system of checks and balances.

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