

115 REVISED WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION

1 RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association encourages U.S. jurisdictions to
2 consider innovative approaches to the access to justice crisis in order to help the more
3 than 80% of people below the poverty line and the ~~majority~~ many of middle-income
4 Americans who lack meaningful access to ~~legal services when facing critical civil legal~~
5 ~~issues, such as child custody, debt collection, eviction, and foreclosure~~ effective civil legal
6 services;
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8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association encourages U.S.
9 jurisdictions to consider regulatory innovations that have the potential to improve the
10 accessibility, affordability, and quality of civil legal services, while also ensuring necessary
11 and appropriate protections that best serve clients and the public including the provision
12 of legal counsel as a matter of right and at government expense for children facing
13 essential civil legal matters and for low-income individuals in adversarial proceedings
14 where basic human needs or a loss of physical liberty are at stake;
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16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association encourages U.S.
17 jurisdictions to collect and assess data regarding regulatory innovations both before and
18 after ~~the~~ their adoption ~~of any innovations~~ to ensure that changes are effective in
19 increasing access to legal services and are in the ~~public~~ interest of clients and the public;
20 and
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22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That nothing in this Resolution should be construed as altering
23 recommending any changes to any of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct,
24 including Rule 5.4, as they relate to nonlawyer ownership of law firms, the unauthorized
25 practice of law, or any other subject.

Deletions struck through; additions underlined.

Proposed amendment on lines 22 and 23.