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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# **RESOLUTION**

## **Establishing a Special Commission to Study and Report on the Effect of Certain Legal Restrictions on Persons Eligible for LSC-Funded Legal Assistance**

[Resolution 2000-009]

**WHEREAS** LSC has a continuing commitment to develop and make available accurate and current information on the ability of state justice systems to meet the civil justice needs of low income persons;

**WHEREAS** LSC has imposed a number of restrictions on its recipients' activities in response to mandates imposed as riders to the FY 1996 LSC appropriation;

**WHEREAS** LSC has not heretofore studied the effects of any of the 1996 restrictions on the ability of recipients to engage in appropriate client-centered representation or reported to Congress concerning those effects; and

**WHEREAS** it is appropriate at this time to study the impact of certain restrictions have on substantive legal rights, effective and efficient representation and the best uses of federal funds;


**THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors hereby establishes a Special Commission to study and report to the Board on its findings regarding the effects of certain legal restrictions on LSC recipients' ability to provide equal access to justice to low income persons;

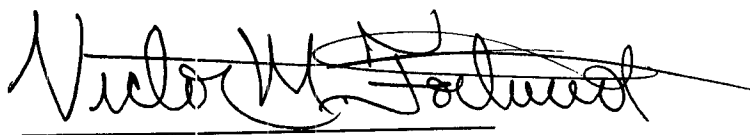
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chair of the Board is hereby authorized to appoint the membership of the Special Commission;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission is authorized to hold public hearings and take testimony from interested parties to aid it in its study of the issues herein identified; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission shall compile a factual record and prepare findings, and transmit both to the Board, along with any recommendations it may have related to the issues identified herein.

**Adopted by the Board of Directors  
on September 18, 2000**

  
Douglas S. Eakeley, Chair  
Board of Directors

  
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