

**CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES
CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATORS**

RESOLUTION 7

Reaffirming the Critical Importance of Adequate Funding of the Legal Services Corporation

WHEREAS, in 2002, 2009, 2011, and 2012, the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators, by resolution, reaffirmed the importance of the federal Legal Services Corporation and, as recently as 2012, called upon all members of Congress “to fulfill our nation’s promise of 'Equal Justice Under Law,' by restoring funding for the federal Legal Services Corporation to the level necessary to provide critically needed services to low-income and vulnerable Americans”; and

WHEREAS, under the current level of funding of the Legal Services Corporation, legal services providers throughout the United States are struggling to furnish critically-needed legal assistance and advice to low-income and vulnerable Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators again call upon all members of Congress to provide funding to the Legal Services Corporation at the level necessary to enable legal services providers to furnish critically-needed legal assistance and advice to low-income and vulnerable Americans.

Adopted as proposed by the CCJ/COSCA Access, Fairness and Public Trust Committee at the 2015 Annual Meeting.