

BASF Urges Governor Brown to Stop Cuts to Courts Funding

June 29, 2011 – San Francisco -- The Bar Association of San Francisco in a letter to Governor Jerry Brown voiced the association's concerns that further cuts to the state court system would "decimate the ability of our state court system to meet basic fundamental constitutional and statutory obligations to serve and protect the rights of Californians."

Over the past several years, funding to the courts has been slashed in an effort to help balance California's budget. These cutbacks have cut staffing, stalled courthouse rebuilding and not allowed new judgeships to be added as the population grows and diversifies. With a mission to promote and safeguard equal access to justice, BASF encouraged Governor Brown in the letter to safeguard the integrity of California's judicial system while crafting the state budget.

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