

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

STEVEN J. JIMENEZ, ESQ.
June 14, 1955 – December 30, 2007

It is appropriate that the State Bar of California, through its Board of Governors, acknowledges the substantial loss resulting from the recent and untimely death of Steven J. Jimenez who will be very sadly missed by his family, friends, the legal profession and the public. The State Bar of California hereby honors an attorney whose extraordinary commitment and dedication to his profession, the judiciary, and his community has won him a unique place in the legal history of the State of California.

WHEREAS, Steven J. Jimenez was born in Walnut Creek, California, on June 14, 1955; he was raised in Pittsburg and Antioch, was a 1973 graduate of Antioch High School, where he played football and competed in track and field, and served as the student body president; and

WHEREAS, Steven J. Jimenez earned his B.A. Degree in English, Political Science/Public Service from the University of California at Davis in 1978, and his J.D. Degree from its School of Law, Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall in 1983, and was admitted to the practice of law in California in May 1990 by the late Honorable Manuel Rose; and

WHEREAS, Steven J. Jimenez began his distinguished legal career practicing with several law firms; in furtherance of his career and area of expertise, he became a State Bar Workers' Compensation Law Certified Specialist in 1997; he joined the renowned and nationwide firm of Adelson, Testan & Brundo in 1998, which specializes in workers' compensation law, he opened the firm's Sacramento and Oakland offices, and was the Managing Partner of the Oakland office, and in August 2007, he was made a name partner and the firm became Adelson, Testan, Brundo & Jimenez; and

WHEREAS, during his outstanding legal career, he still found time to give to his profession and his community — he served as a member, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Bar's Workers' Compensation Law Section Executive Committee, was Co-Chair of the Bar's Council on State Bar Sections, and represented the Council on the Bar's Board of Governors' Task Force on Sections; he also served on the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and on the Board of its branch in Alameda County; he was a member of the City of Oakland Civil Service Review Board since 2005; was a member of Breaking Barriers, a nonprofit agency that assists people living with HIV and breast cancer; and served on several other professional and community organizations too numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, because of his deep love for his family, especially his children, Steve became a role model for, and mentor to, young people, whom he encouraged to consider the law as a career; and to that end, he worked tirelessly to promote diversity in the profession and enhance the lives of law students and young lawyers; in 2005, he started the Workers' Compensation Law Section Lifetime Achievement and Annual Judge/Attorney Awards Reception; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he stood for the very best of his profession, working for the protection of the public, diversity and equality in the profession, preservation and improvement of our justice system, was a highly regarded member of the Bar, and was renowned for his wit, good humor, passion for life and his profession, and was greatly admired, respected and liked by all who knew him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California is proud to pay tribute to a distinguished colleague, STEVEN J. JIMENEZ and is honored to acknowledge his lifelong devotion to his profession and beliefs, his extraordinary dedication and outstanding contributions to the judicial system, especially the equality of justice and diversity in the profession, and hereby offers its deepest condolences to his beloved family: his mom, Marion; his children, Dylan, Clayton and Courtney; and to his extended family, relatives, friends and colleagues.

Presented January 7, 2008
Jeffrey L. Bleich ***Judy Johnson***
2007-08 President ***Executive Director***