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House of Delegates
American Bar Association
321 N. Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60654

Dear Member of the House of Delegates:

On behalf of the 370,000 members of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), I am writing to urge your support for the American Bar Association Committee on Women in the Profession and Report on Military Spouse Attorneys (Resolution 108) that will be put before the American Bar Association House of Delegates on February 6th, 2012 in New Orleans.

Military spouse attorneys face significant professional challenges due to military ordered relocations every two to three years. Bar admission in each new state can take up to a year and be quite costly. By the time military spouses are relicensed and find work, they are ready to move to their next assignment.

Resolution 108 seeks to ensure that military spouse attorneys promptly obtain their license to practice law, upon moving to a state due to military orders. Specifically, the Resolution encourages bar authorities to: (1) admit qualified military spouse attorneys without an examination, (2) expedite processing of applications, (3) encourage mentorship programs, and (4) offer reduced bar application and membership fees.

By adopting the Resolution 108 as ABA policy, the ABA will demonstrate its commitment to military families not just as clients, but also as peers.

MOAA is proud to be the first sponsor of the Military Spouse JD Network (MSJDN) and we applaud their efforts to make the legal profession a portable and viable career option for these exceptional military spouse attorneys. We are pleased that the House of Delegates is considering a resolution that will assist in the continued practice of law for highly mobile military spouses.

I appreciate your sincere support of our military spouse attorneys.

Sincerely, *I Best Regards!*

