

**RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION IN
SUPPORT OF THE RETURN OF THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY CIRCUIT
COURT TO THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

WHEREAS the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors recently voted on a plan for the use and occupancy of the Lafayette County Courthouse that excluded the Lafayette County Circuit Court; and,

WHEREAS the members of the Lafayette County Bar Association are lawyers who are officers of the legal system and also public citizens who have a special responsibility for the quality of justice; and

WHEREAS the Lafayette County Bar Association is in opposition of the plan adopted by the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors as that plan does not provide for the highest quality of justice, nor does it meet the needs of all of the parties involved in the Lafayette County legal system; and

WHEREAS the Lafayette County Bar Association unanimously adopts this Resolution in support of the return of the Lafayette County Circuit Court to the Lafayette County Courthouse, and would further state as follows:

That with the exception of renovations, the Lafayette County Circuit Court has occupied the Lafayette County Courthouse since it was built in 1873.

That in contemplation of the current restoration and renovation of the Lafayette County Courthouse, county officials undertook to devise a plan that the Lafayette County Courthouse would ultimately, when completed, be a building occupied by the Lafayette County Circuit Court, the Lafayette County Drug Court and, in the future, the Lafayette County County Court. This plan was approved by the previous Lafayette County Board of Supervisors.

That pursuant to that plan, many resources have been spent in an effort to equip the Lafayette County Courthouse for the necessary technological requirements for Circuit Court, including video equipment and computer equipment. Further, specific modifications were made to accommodate the detention of prisoners. Under the Board of Supervisors' current occupation plan, these resources will be wasted as they are not needed by Justice Court and Drug Court.

That the present arrangement for the Lafayette County Circuit Court to be held in the Lafayette County Chancery Court Building was temporary, and, further, that the Lafayette County Chancery Court Building is not properly equipped to handle the business of the Lafayette County Circuit Court on a full-time basis.

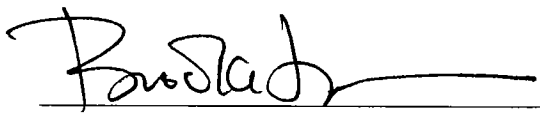
That the Lafayette County Chancery Court Building does not provide adequate space, adequate security, nor does it allow for the privacy necessary for attorneys meeting with clients and witnesses.


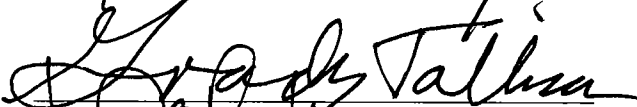
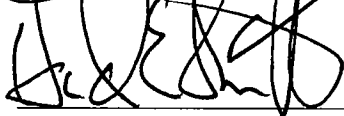
That the Lafayette County Courthouse has been remodeled with the priority of safety and security of the public; safeguards which are not in place at the Lafayette County Chancery Court Building as it was not designed for the type of court activity handled by Circuit Court. The Lafayette County Bar Association is concerned for the safety of the public in the Lafayette County Chancery Court Building as there is not adequate separation between county prisoners and the public.

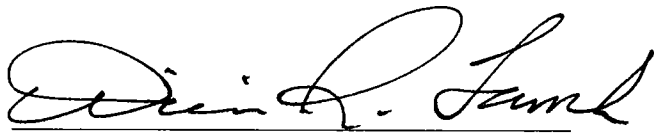
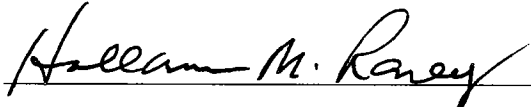
That the use and occupation of space in county buildings for the court system should not be a decision based on politics but a decision made with the goal of providing its citizens with a quality legal system. The Lafayette County Bar Association urges the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors to reconsider its vote on the use of the Lafayette County Courthouse.

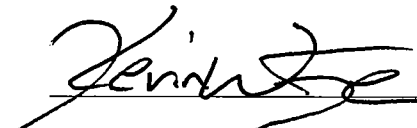
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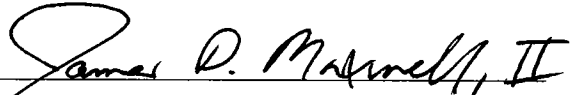
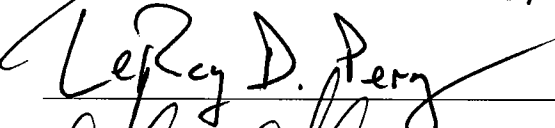

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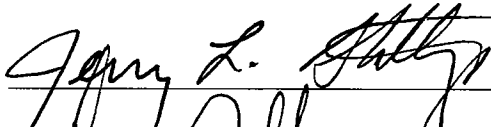
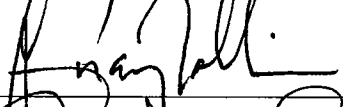
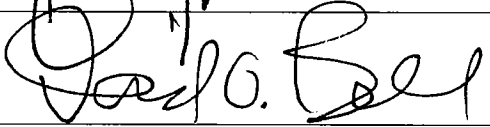
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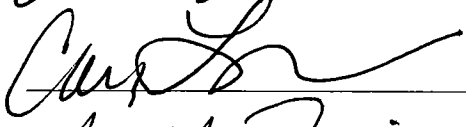

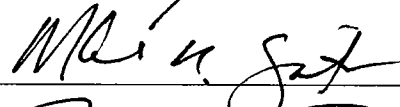




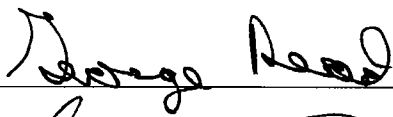

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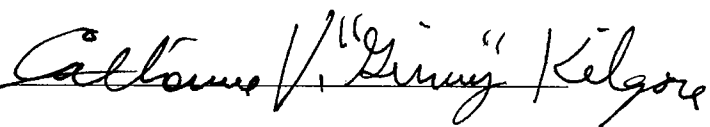












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