



Staff Memorandum

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Agenda Item #16**

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of a resolution to honor former Association President Robert MacCrate.

Attached is a proposed resolution to honor Robert MacCrate on the occasion of his 90th birthday; the 40th anniversary of his presidency of the New York State Bar Association; the 25th anniversary of his presidency of the American Bar Association; and the 20th anniversary of the issuance of *Legal Education and Professional Development: An Educational Continuum*, an ABA report on legal education in the United States commonly referred to as "The MacCrate Report" and that to this day remains an important reference for modern legal education. Your approval of the resolution is requested so that it may be presented to Bob this summer.

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
JUNE 23, 2011**

WHEREAS, Robert MacCrate joined the firm of Sullivan and Cromwell in 1948, became partner in 1956 and has served there for over 60 years, currently as Senior Counsel, and has worked on a variety of international litigated matters;

WHEREAS, Mr. MacCrate served as Counsel to Governor Nelson D. Rockefeller from 1959 to 1962 and as Special Counsel to the Department of the Army from 1969 to 1970;

WHEREAS, Mr. MacCrate has, throughout his career, demonstrated unparalleled devotion to his clients, his profession, and his community;

WHEREAS, Mr. MacCrate has been a member of the New York State Bar Association for over 50 years and served as President of the Association from 1972 to 1973, during which time the first meeting of the House of Delegates, designed to be a “representative, responsive statewide council of lawyers,” was convened;

WHEREAS, Mr. MacCrate was the 1999 recipient of the New York State Bar Association’s Gold Medal, which is presented annually to a distinguished member of the bench or bar and represents the Association’s highest honor;

WHEREAS, Mr. MacCrate served as President of the American Bar Association from 1987 to 1988, using his term to promote efforts to benefit the profession and to ensure judicial independence;

WHEREAS, Mr. MacCrate chaired the American Bar Association’s Task Force on Law Schools and the Profession from 1989 to 1992, the report of which, formally titled *Legal Education and Professional Development: An Educational Continuum*, is known widely as “The MacCrate Report” and remains an important reference with respect to legal education in the United States;

WHEREAS, Mr. MacCrate was the recipient of the 2001 ABA Medal, which is presented to individuals who have given notable service to the cause of American jurisprudence;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, that the New York State Bar Association recognizes the extraordinary accomplishments and legal legacy of Robert MacCrate; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the New York State Bar Association expresses its sincere appreciation to Mr. MacCrate for his many years of dedicated service to the New York State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the profession; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the New York State Bar Association honors Mr. MacCrate on the occasion of his 90th birthday; the 40th anniversary of his presidency of the New York State Bar Association; the 25th Anniversary of his presidency of the American Bar Association; and the 20th anniversary of the publication of “The MacCrate Report.”