

Mission Statement

To suggest programs, communications, and other means to the Academy to (i) identify and mitigate threats against judges, attorneys, and their families and (ii) use its voice to defend judges, attorneys, and the rule of law.

Statement of Principles

In this time of increasing attacks on judges and the judiciary, the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers joins organizations at the local, state, and national level in condemning efforts to intimidate, attack, or undermine individual judges and the judiciary as a whole. While recognizing the right of individuals and entities to advance their interests in the courts when they have been wronged, the Academy renews its commitments to:

1. Defending the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary, and the safety of judges and attorneys;
2. Opposing individual, communal, political, or other attempts to threaten or intimidate judges for their rulings, orders, and decisions;
3. Challenging efforts to silence the judiciary or the legal profession through the courts, in the press, within communities, or otherwise;
4. Upholding the non-political application of the law as well as public confidence in the justice system;
5. Supporting efforts to educate the public on the role of the courts and the rule of law;
6. Advocating for and modeling civility in questioning or challenging judicial decisions instead of attacking the courts, attorneys, or the rule of law.