

ADOPTED

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION
COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY**

REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF DELGATES

RECOMMENDATION

1 RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges
2 local, state, territorial and federal governments to
3 undertake a comprehensive review of the misdemeanor
4 provisions of their criminal laws, and, where appropriate,
5 to allow the imposition of civil fines or nonmonetary civil
6 remedies instead of criminal penalties, including fines and
7 incarceration.