



## Federal Bar Association

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The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.  
Attorney General of the United States  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Holder:

On behalf of the sixteen thousand lawyers and judges who belong to the Federal Bar Association, I write to extend our warmest congratulations to you as you begin your service as Attorney General of the United States.

The Federal Bar Association throughout its 89-year history has maintained strong, mutual ties with the Department of Justice and its attorney workforce, leading to a deep appreciation for the independence of the Department and its evenhanded application of the Constitution and federal laws in the administration of justice.

The pursuit of the Department's mission begins with the equitable application of law and policy within the Department itself. We appreciate the commitment you made during your Senate confirmation hearing to assure that the hiring and management of the Department's career attorney workforce and underlying personnel practices adhere strongly to federal merit system principles, without regard for partisan political considerations. Your steadfast vigilance to preserve the independence and integrity of the Justice Department will strengthen the morale of the Department's employees and their maintenance of the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

We extend the very best wishes to you and look forward to working with you in the days ahead. Please call upon me or our Executive Director Jack Lockridge whenever the Federal Bar Association may be of service to you and the Department.

Sincerely,

Juanita Sales Lee  
National President