



NJSBA Resolution on Judicial Independence

A resolution expressing the position of the New Jersey State Bar Association in support of the independence of the State's judges and judicial candidates and the renomination of Supreme Court Associate Justice Barry T. Albin.

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the New Jersey State Bar Association to serve as the voice of New Jersey attorneys to other organizations, governmental entities and the public, with regard to the law, the legal system and the legal profession, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Bar Association fully respects and honors the State constitutional mandate that the Governor nominate and appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, the members of the judiciary, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Bar Association supports a thorough evaluation of the fitness of nominees to the bench because of the enormous discretionary power vested in the hands of judges, and

WHEREAS, the independence and integrity of our judges has been one of the finest achievements resulting from our 1947 State Constitution, and is the foundation upon which the well-deserved reputation of New Jersey's court system is grounded, and

WHEREAS, since 1969, at the request of a series of Governors, the New Jersey State Bar Association has supplied its non-partisan input and judgment regarding the suitability of candidates to serve as judges and county prosecutors, and

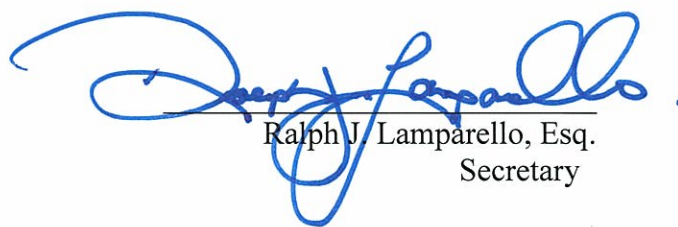
WHEREAS, the strength of our judiciary is best served by insulating those serving on the bench from the politics that may underlie the executive and legislative branches, and

WHEREAS, Justice Barry T. Albin has served on the Supreme Court with distinction, due to his strong intellectual capabilities, demeanor, unquestioned work ethic, impartial approach during oral argument, grasp of the law and clear writing style.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Jersey State Bar Association supports an evaluation of judges and judicial candidates, in particular Justice Albin, by the Governor and Senate that is studious, fair and nonpartisan, based solely on whether the judge or candidate has demonstrated the intellectual ability, integrity and judicial demeanor to serve in judicial office, without regard to philosophical differences and with due respect for judicial independence.

I, Ralph J. Lamparello, Secretary of the New Jersey State Bar Association, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled meeting on May 13, 2009.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand as such Secretary and affix the corporate seal of the New Jersey State Bar Association on this 13th day of May, 2009.



Ralph J. Lamparello, Esq.
Secretary