



Resolution

HONORING JUSTICE

LEE A. SOLOMON

FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON THE NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT, A PROFESSIONAL LEGACY MARKED BY PUBLIC SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE FAIR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

WHEREAS, Justice Lee A. Solomon has had a distinguished legal career, marked by a dedication to public service having served in all three branches of government and concluding with a decade of service on the New Jersey Supreme Court, for which the New Jersey State Bar Association expresses its profound gratitude, and

WHEREAS, Justice Lee A. Solomon received a bachelor's degree from Muhlenberg College in 1975 and graduated from Widener University School of Law in 1978. His legal career began in private practice as a solo practitioner, as both an associate and partner at a number of firms where he handled a wide range of matters, and

WHEREAS, Justice Lee A. Solomon began his career in public service as an elected member of the Haddon Heights Borough Council, Camden County Board of Freeholders from 1989-1990. He also served as a member of the New Jersey General Assembly from 1991 to 1996, then as Camden County Prosecutor from 1996 to 2002, and was the Assistant U.S. attorney in charge of southern New Jersey operations from 2002-2014, and

WHEREAS, Justice Lee A. Solomon was first appointed to the bench in January 2006 by Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey. He served in the Camden Vicinage, sitting in the family and criminal divisions, and

WHEREAS, Justice Lee A. Solomon left the bench in 2010 when Gov. Chris Christie appointed him to be president of the Board of Public Utilities, and he rejoined the state Superior Court in 2012, this time serving in the civil division, eventually being named the presiding judge of the criminal division and later Assignment Judge in the Camden vicinage, and

WHEREAS, following nomination from Gov. Chris Christie and Senate confirmation, Justice Lee A. Solomon was sworn in as an Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court on June 19, 2014, and

WHEREAS, Justice Lee A. Solomon who has served as a member of the private bar, a judge, an elected official and member of the Governor's cabinet, earned a reputation for a sense of fairness and possesses a deep understanding of the issues facing the people, businesses and official agencies of the Garden State, and

WHEREAS, Justice Lee A. Solomon treated each matter before him with gravity, asked insightful questions, and leaves a body of jurisprudence that will guide the state into the future, and

WHEREAS, in 2020 Justice Lee A. Solomon wrote the Court's majority opinion in a complex case involving the intersection of constitutional rights and ever-evolving technology in *State v. Andrews*, a case of national importance when it found that the constitutional right against self-incrimination did not prevent a police officer from being compelled to provide the passcodes to iPhones he was accused of using to provide tip-offs to a drug trafficker, and

WHEREAS, Justice Lee A. Solomon wrote the majority opinion in *Cristello v. St. Theresa School*, that held the religious tenets exception to the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination provides an affirmative defense to religious entities in claims of employment discrimination, and

WHEREAS, while serving on the Court Justice Lee A. Solomon has treated all who appeared before him with compassion and been a leading voice in the efforts to shine a light on the importance of addressing and improving the mental health and well-being of the legal profession, in particular through his leadership as chair of the Supreme Court Committee on Wellness in the Law where he has begun an important conversation to improve the lives of all who work in the profession and the public who are served by them, and

WHEREAS, Justice Lee A. Solomon has shared his time and expertise generously with members of the legal profession, including speaking at New Jersey State Bar Association events and New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education seminars, and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, Justice Lee A. Solomon will reach the age of 70 on Aug. 17, bringing his term of service on the court to the end, and the New Jersey State Bar Association and its entire membership honors and thanks him for decades of public service that has enriched the lives of every citizen of New Jersey.

I, Timothy F. McGoughran, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and accurate copy of a resolution of the Board of Trustees on May 8, 2024. In witness thereof, I have hereto set my hand as such President on this 8th day of May 2024.

TIMOTHY F. MCGOUGHAN
PRESIDENT, NEW JERSEY STATE BAR ASSOCIATION