

A RESOLUTION OF THE GARDEN STATE BAR ASSOCIATION ON JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

A resolution expressing the position of the Garden State Bar Association in support of the independence of the State's judges and judicial candidates and the re-nomination of Supreme Court Associate Justice Barry T. Albin.

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Garden State Bar Association to advance the science of jurisprudence and improve the administration of justice, and

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

WHEREAS, the Garden 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, 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 Garden 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, Gwendolyn J. Williams, Secretary of the Garden 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 Directors on June 16, 2009.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand as such Secretary on this Seventeenth day of June, 2009.

Gwendolyn J. Williams
Secretary, Garden State Bar Association