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**The Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey
supports Governor Murphy's Nomination of Fabiana Pierre-
Louis to the New Jersey Supreme Court**

The Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey (ABWL-NJ) applauds New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy on his courage to select a Black Woman as his first nominee to the New Jersey Supreme Court. We fully support the nomination of Fabiana Pierre-Louis and urge the Senate to move expeditiously on her confirmation.

The Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey congratulates Fabiana Pierre-Louis, Esq. on her nomination to New Jersey's highest court. All New Jersey citizens will benefit from her legal acumen, and commitment to excellence. She will be a role model and a symbol of achievement and progress for women of all races, ages and socio-economic status. As a member of ABWL-NJ, and a former scholarship recipient while a student at Rutgers University School of Law, Ms. Pierre-Louis' meteoric professional trajectory has been one of admiration and a testament to her commitment to excellence in the profession – she is an exceptional example for Black and Brown girls, who aspire to enter the legal profession.

The historical absence of a Black Woman on New Jersey's Supreme Court is a reflection of the lack of equality and diversity in all aspects of society. ABWL-NJ's founders sought to address these inequities, and created a support system when they established the organization in 1975. Since that time, we have strongly petitioned and advocated for the appointment of Black women and other People of Color to the bench, prosecutor offices and other executive positions.

ABWL-NJ President, Norma R. Evans said: "It is imperative to have diversity on the State's highest court. The New Jersey Supreme Court decides the most

critical, controversial, and impactful issues in the State; its decisions impact New Jerseyans for decades. If the Court truly represents the interests and perspectives of all, then it must reflect the diverse body of the people. Governor Murphy has shown that he values diversity and excellence in the nomination of Ms. Pierre-Louis.” ABWL-NJ is extremely proud that Ms. Pierre-Louis has been nominated to serve the citizens of New Jersey on the State’s Supreme Court. We know her voice will bring a perspective that reflects and speaks to our diverse population.

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