

Governor Phil Murphy

Statement from Governor Murphy on Senate Confirmation of New Jersey Supreme Court Associate Justice Michael Noriega

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"I am extremely pleased that the State Senate has confirmed Michael Noriega with unanimous and bipartisan support to serve as an Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court. An exceptional legal talent, Michael will bring a unique combination of experience and expertise to the bench, making history as the first former public defender to serve on our state's highest court and restoring representation from the Hispanic community at the highest level of our judiciary.

"Michael's integrity, compassion, and intellect have earned the admiration of all who are fortunate enough to know him, and I have no doubt that he will bring these qualities to our state's highest court.

"I thank Senators from both parties who put partisanship aside and considered this nomination with seriousness and diligence, once again demonstrating why New Jersey's judicial appointment process remains a model for the nation. I am especially grateful to Michael's home county Senators, Senate President Scutari, Senator Cryan, and Senator Bramnick, as well as Senate Judiciary Chair Stack, for their leadership throughout the confirmation process. I am looking forward to seeing Michael serve on our Supreme Court with honor and distinction for many years to come."

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