

Governor Phil Murphy

Statement from Governor Murphy on Senate Confirmations of New Jersey Supreme Court Associate Justices Rachel Wainer Apter and Douglas Fasciale

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"I am incredibly pleased that the state Senate has confirmed both Rachel Wainer Apter and Douglas Fasciale with bipartisan support to serve as Associate Justices of the New Jersey Supreme Court. I congratulate them both and have complete confidence that they will serve our state and the cause of justice with distinction. They are both incredible legal talents, having already proven their intellects in different parts of our legal system. Moreover, they are both exceptionally good people, deserving of this honor.

"I also must acknowledge the extraordinary grace and fortitude that Rachel has demonstrated over the last year and a half as she waited for this day. This display of character has made me even prouder to have put her name forward.

"The addition of Justice Wainer Apter and Justice Fasciale to our high court guarantees that the hard work of ensuring equal justice for all residents can continue unabated. Moreover, at a time when faith in many of our nation's core democratic institutions is in doubt, most distressingly the United States Supreme Court, their confirmations send a strong message that in New Jersey we continue our proud tradition of a balanced Supreme Court, choosing our justices across party lines from the best lawyers and judges in our state.

"I thank Senate President Nick Scutari and Judiciary Committee Chair Brian Stack for their leadership and partnership in this process. And I thank every Senator who put our prized judiciary above partisan politics and voted to approve these two exceptional nominees to the New Jersey Supreme Court."

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