

Governor Chris Christie Orders Flags Lowered to Half-Staff in Honor of the Passing of Justice Marie L. Garibaldi

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Trenton, NJ – Today, Governor Chris Christie signed the following Executive Order:

Executive Order No. 201 - Ordering all State buildings to fly flags at half-staff on Thursday, January 21, 2016, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Justice Marie L. Garibaldi.

Justice Garibaldi was born in Jersey City, attended school in Hoboken, and lived in Weehawken for most of her life. After earning her undergraduate degree from Connecticut College, Justice Garibaldi enrolled in Columbia Law School in 1956, where she was one of only twelve women in her class. Following graduation from Columbia, Justice Garibaldi worked as a lawyer for the federal government, and thereafter entered the private practice of law. Justice Garibaldi distinguished herself as an exceptional attorney at a time when there were few women in the profession, was soon elevated to the partnership of one of the State's most prestigious law firms, and later became the first woman to lead the New Jersey State Bar Association as its president.

In 1982, Justice Garibaldi's superior intellect and character were recognized by Governor Thomas Kean, who, nominated her to the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Over the course of the next eighteen years, Justice Garibaldi demonstrated the highest degree of thoughtfulness, dedication, and common-sense judgment as an Associate Justice.

"Justice Garibaldi's passing is a true loss to our state. Like so many others who knew, admired and respected her, I was incredibly saddened to learn of her passing," said Governor Chris Christie. "Justice Garibaldi will always be remembered for maintaining the highest degree of insight and thoughtfulness during the nearly 18 years she dedicated herself to service on the state Supreme Court. She had a unique, almost legendary talent for getting beyond the legalese and drilling down to the most salient issues in every case that landed before her - and pressing those arguing before her to do just that as well. Justice Garibaldi also will be remembered for her own singular achievements of being the first woman to lead the New Jersey State Bar Association as president and becoming the first woman appointed to New Jersey's highest court in 1982. Mary Pat and I want to express our deepest condolences to her family and all of her loved ones."

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