

Statement of NJSBA President Domenick Carmagnola on Dismissal of Sharperson Matter

On May 4, the Court dismissed all claims in Denise Sharperson v. New Jersey State Bar Association on summary judgment with prejudice. We were confident that once the judge had the opportunity to review all of the evidence and the relevant law, he would find that the allegations in the complaint had no merit and that no discrimination occurred at any time during Ms. Sharperson's employment with the NJSBA. We are grateful to have had our defense fully heard by the Court and to our entire legal team, led by our own Treasurer Christine Amalfe of Gibbons, P.C., who did an exemplary job in defending this case.

The Association prides itself on our inclusionary culture and equitable hiring, advancement and compensation practices. We are confident that through the leadership of Executive Director Angela Scheck and Assistant Executive Director and General Counsel Sharon Balsamo all employees are treated fairly and equally. We are pleased the Court rejected the unfounded allegations in Ms. Sharperson's complaint. Most importantly, the NJSBA remains committed to our work in ensuring that our employees feel safe, seen and can thrive and that we serve as a leader in the profession in efforts to root out discrimination and bias in the workplace and in the justice system overall.