



Resolution

HONORING

JUSTICE FAUSTINO J. FERNANDEZ-VINA

for His Distinguished Service on the New Jersey Supreme Court
and His Contributions to the Fair Administration of Justice

WHEREAS, Justice Faustino J. Fernandez-Vina was born in Santiago, Cuba, and he is a graduate of Widener University, where he was an all-conference football player, and Rutgers University School of Law-Camden. Justice Fernandez-Vina served as Superior Court Judge E. Stevenson Fluharty's law clerk before going into private practice; and

WHEREAS, in private practice he was a partner at Capehart & Scatchard in New York City from 1993 to 1998 and Kelley, Wardell and Craig in Haddonfield from 1998 to 2004, and during that tenure he became a certified civil trial attorney and has served on the District IV Ethics Committee, the Supreme Court Committee on Character and the Supreme Court Committee on Jury Selection; and

WHEREAS, Justice Fernandez-Vina was appointed to the New Jersey Superior Court bench by Gov. James E. McGreevey on July 16, 2004. He first sat in the civil division of the Camden Vicinage. He moved to the family division in 2006 and was named presiding judge of the civil division in 2007. Chief Justice Stuart Rabner named him assignment judge of the Camden Vicinage in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Justice Fernandez-Vina was nominated to the Supreme Court by Gov. Chris Christie and was sworn into office on Nov. 19, 2013, following Senate confirmation; and

WHEREAS, Justice Fernandez-Vina authored a wide swatch of opinions that provided practical guidance to members of the bar on issues such as affidavit of merit requirements; application of the entire controversy doctrine; factors underlying alimony awards; proper suppression of criminal evidence; malpractice insurance requirements for law firms closing their businesses; foundational requirements for driving under the influence prosecutions; and compensability of workers' compensation claims for injuries outside of the workplace; and

WHEREAS, while on the bench, Justice Fernandez-Vina served on numerous committees, including the Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee on the Code of Judicial Conduct and the Supreme Court Civil Practice Committee, and further has been generous in sharing his experience and knowledge with the legal community as a speaker for New Jersey State Bar Association and at New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education seminars; and

WHEREAS, Justice Fernandez-Vina has distinguished himself as a jurist who is a down-to-earth, generous and consummate professional with a fierce sense of determination, an intense work ethic and penetratingly smart mind; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the New Jersey State Bar Association and its nearly 16,000 members honors and thanks Justice Fernandez-Vina for his impressive career in public and private service that has improved the lives of the residents of New Jersey and recognizes his profound contributions to the state of New Jersey through his fair and impartial service on the bench, his dedication to the administration of justice and his generous spirit in sharing his insights with the legal profession.

I, Norberto Garcia, Secretary of the New Jersey State Bar Association, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and accurate copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees on March 11, 2022. In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand as such Secretary and affix the corporate seal of the New Jersey State Bar Association on this 11th day of March, 2022

NORBERTO GARCIA
SECRETARY
NEW JERSEY STATE BAR ASSOCIATION