



Resolution

A resolution honoring JUDGE EDWIN H. STERN for his years of distinguished service on the Superior, Appellate and Supreme Courts and his contributions to the fair administration of justice.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Edwin H. Stern has earned the respect of the members of the New Jersey State Bar Association through his illustrious career as a Superior Court judge and dedicated public servant for over four decades; and

WHEREAS, Edwin H. Stern received his law degree from Columbia University School of Law, and his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, Edwin H. Stern was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1966 and served as law clerk to Appellate Division Judge Edward Gaulkin; and

WHEREAS, Edwin H. Stern worked in the private practice of law from 1967 to 1970; and then joined the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office becoming first assistant prosecutor and later acting Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, Edwin H. Stern subsequently served as a deputy attorney general in the Department of Law and Public Safety where he helped draft New Jersey's Code of Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, Edwin H. Stern was director of criminal practice in the Administrative Office of the Courts, and later director of legal services and counsel to the Administrative Director; and

WHEREAS, Judge Edwin H. Stern was appointed to the Superior Court bench in 1981 by Governor Brendan Byrne and was subsequently reappointed by Governor Thomas Kean; and

WHEREAS, Judge Edwin H. Stern was appointed to the Appellate Division in 1985 by Chief Justice Robert Wilentz and became a presiding judge in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Judge Edwin H. Stern became Presiding Judge for Administration of the Appellate Division in 2004 and oversaw thirty-five judges and a calendar of some 7,000 appeals and 7,500 motions filed annually; and

WHEREAS, during the course of a distinguished career on the bench Judge Edwin H. Stern not only provided leadership and foresight in heading the appellate court, he authored more than 3,000 opinions, including some 400 published opinions; and

WHEREAS, Judge Edwin H. Stern served as Chair of the Supreme Court's Criminal Practice Committee and the Task Force on Juvenile Justice, and was a member of the national Council of Chief Judges of Courts of Appeal; and

WHEREAS, in September 2010, Judge Edwin H. Stern was assigned by Chief Justice Stuart Rabner to temporarily fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, during his term on the Supreme Court Judge Edwin H. Stern authored opinions dealing with such diverse issues as motor vehicle insurance coverage, the admission of evidence and testimony in criminal trials, the authority of the appellate division to reverse a penalty imposed by the Civil Service Commission, the finality of a trial court order compelling arbitration, the application of discovery rules in a Law Against Discrimination suit, and the statements of a lawyer during summation that influenced a jury verdict, and

WHEREAS, Judge Edwin H. Stern has shared his time and expertise generously with members of the legal profession at educational seminars, including speaking at many New Jersey State Bar Association events; and

WHEREAS, Judge Edwin H. Stern has, throughout his career exhibited the highest standards of competence, independence, and intellectual prowess; and

WHEREAS, Judge Edwin H. Stern has conducted himself in a fair, compassionate and professional manner, treating members of the bar and all before him with fairness, respect, and a finely honed sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, Judge Edwin H. Stern has never lost his love for the game of baseball, fortunately for the citizens of New Jersey he abandoned a lifelong dream to become an umpire instead opting for a career in the law; and

WHEREAS, Judge Edwin H. Stern has always recognized the preeminence of his family, having been a devoted husband and father of three sons,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Bar Association honors and thanks Judge Edwin H. Stern for his impressive career in the public service to 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 and his dedication to the administration of justice.

I, Angela W. Dalton, 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 June 2, 2011.

In witness thereof, I have hereto set my hand as such Secretary on this _____ day of _____, 2011.

ANGELA W. DALTON
SECRETARY