



Resolution

A resolution honoring Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto for his commitment to the bench, bar and public in the State of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto was appointed to the New Jersey Supreme Court in 2004 by Governor James E. McGreevey, after serving as a partner at Fox Rothschild and senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of Caesars World, Inc. and as vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of Grete Bay Hotel and Casino, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto has given greatly of his time to take part in seminar panels at events sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Association, including the Annual and Mid-Year Meetings, where he has generously provided valuable insight and advice on important legal issues; and

WHEREAS, Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto has honored the men and women who serve our country in the various branches of the military, has faithfully participated in the New Jersey State Bar Association's annual Military Law Symposium, has encouraged attorneys in that program to provide pro bono legal assistance on behalf of soldiers and their families, and was bestowed the Association's first annual Military Support Award in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto has inspired the state's young people through his frequent service as a judge in New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Vincent Apruzzese High School Mock Trial competitions and provided participating students with guidance and encouragement regarding the competition and a future career in the law; and

WHEREAS, Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto has helped shape the law in New Jersey not just through his jurisprudence, but also through his work on various Court committees, notably as the chairperson of the Supreme Court's Continuing Legal Education Board in the implementation of mandatory continuing legal education in New Jersey, as well as serving as the Court's liaison to The IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey, which funds organizations that provide legal aid to the indigent, as well as serving as the Court's liaison to the Disciplinary Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto has, through his written opinions while on the New Jersey Supreme Court, demonstrated a deep understanding of the law in every field of law and has enriched the legal community with his passion for the fair administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto has announced he will be leaving the Supreme Court, having decided not to seek reappointment on the Court, and

WHEREAS, Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto has represented the vast diversity of New Jersey as a member of the Court and remained a steadfast friend and supporter of the New Jersey State Bar Association and its member lawyers and judges,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the New Jersey State Bar Association Board of Trustees that Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto is thanked and honored for his dedicated service on the Supreme Court of New Jersey, his commitment to the legal profession and community at-large, and his friendship and contributions to the New Jersey State Bar Association,

I, Miles S. Winder III, 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 April 15, 2011.

In witness thereof, I have hereto set my hand as such Secretary on this 13th day of May, 2011.

Miles S. Winder, III
Secretary
New Jersey State Bar Association