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**APALA-NJ WELCOMES AND APPLAUDS THE CONFIRMATION OF THE FIRST PHILIPPINE-BORN  
NEW JERSEY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE CARLIA M. BRADY**

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The Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey (APALA-NJ) welcomes and applauds the historic confirmation of Carlia M. Brady to the New Jersey Superior Court of Middlesex County. Ms. Brady is the first Philippine-born New Jersey Superior Court Judge and will be the only Filipino-American on the New Jersey Superior Court bench.

“APALA-NJ congratulates Ms. Brady on her historic confirmation as a Superior Court Judge and is proud to have supported her candidacy,” said Paul K. Yoon, President of the APALA-NJ. “We applaud Governor Christie for nominating such a highly qualified jurist and continuing his commitment to a well-qualified and diverse judiciary.”

Ms. Brady’s confirmation advances diversity in a branch of government that does not today adequately reflect the entire constituency of New Jersey. According to the 2010 Census, APAs represent over 8.3% of New Jersey’s population, but there are only three other judges of APA descent out of approximately 360 Superior Court judges. Between 2000 and 2010, the APA population more than doubled in 110 New Jersey municipalities, and every county in New Jersey experienced double-digit growth of its APA population. In fact, at least one in every three residents is APA in nine municipalities, including Middlesex County, and Middlesex County’s Edison Township continued to have one of the largest APA populations in the State. Moreover, five townships in Middlesex County were among the top ten municipalities with the largest APA populations in New Jersey. New Jersey remains among the top five U.S. states with the largest APA populations, and APAs were also the fastest growing minority group during the past decade nationwide. While there is still much work to be done to diversify the State Judiciary, Ms. Brady’s confirmation to the Superior Court is a decisive step in the right direction. APALA-NJ will continue to work with its sister bar associations on both the State and Federal level, as well as with leaders in the community, to ameliorate the glaring under-representation of APAs in the judiciary.

“APALA-NJ commends Governor Christie’s commitment to diversity as demonstrated by his selections to the bench,” said Jhanice V. Domingo, APALA-NJ Vice President and Co-Chair of APALA-NJ’s Judicial & Prosecutorial Appointments Committee. “More than 750,000 Asian Pacific Americans call New Jersey home and Filipino-Americans are one of the major Asian Pacific American groups in New Jersey, especially in Middlesex County. As a Filipina myself, I am extremely proud of Ms. Brady’s accomplishments and what her historic confirmation means to the Asian Pacific American community in general and New Jersey’s Filipino community in particular. Ms. Brady is a prestigious addition to the Superior Court.”

Ms. Brady is a product of New Jersey schools and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Rutgers College/Rutgers School of Business and her Juris Doctor degree from Seton Hall University School of Law. She is currently a shareholder at Stark & Stark and a member of the firm's Accident and Personal Injury Group. She has appeared in more than 100 cases as chief counsel and tried numerous jury and nonjury trials. In 2006, 2007, 2009, and 2010, *Super Lawyers* honored Ms. Brady as one of New Jersey's Rising Stars. Before joining Stark & Stark, Ms. Brady served as a law clerk for the Honorable Travis L. Francis, J.S.C. in the Criminal Division, the Honorable Martin Kravarik, J.S.C. in the Civil Division, and the Honorable Harriet Derman, J.S.C. in the Civil Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex County. She also practiced as a civil defense attorney with Picillo, Caruso, & O'Toole and as a construction management attorney with Peckar & Abramson. Ms. Brady is an active member of the New Jersey Association for Justice, where she presently serves on the Board of Governors and as Co-Chair of the Women's Caucus and Minority Concerns Committee. Ms. Brady has also been a member of APALA-NJ for over a decade and previously served on its Executive Board. Throughout her legal career and time of service with the organization, Ms. Brady upheld its mission by promoting justice, equity, and opportunity for APAs.

"With her confirmation, Ms. Brady joins the growing number of distinguished Asian Pacific Americans who have been recognized for service on our state courts," said Theodore K. Cheng, Co-chair of APALA-NJ's Judicial & Prosecutorial Appointments Committee. "Although Asian Pacific Americans remain significantly under-represented in the State Judiciary, Governor Christie should be commended for his dedication to increasing diversity on the bench, and we thank Senators Kevin O'Toole, Barbara Buono, and Nicholas Scutari for their staunch support of Ms. Brady."

*The Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey (APALA-NJ) is New Jersey's only Pan-Asian bar association serving Asian Pacific American attorneys across the state. Founded in 1983, APALA-NJ continues to be a strong advocate for increased diversity in the federal and state judiciaries. To learn more about APALA-NJ, visit [www.apalanj.com](http://www.apalanj.com).*

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