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Re: The Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson makes history as the first Black woman nominated and confirmed to the United States Supreme Court!

The Delaware Law School Black Alumni Network (“BAN”) wholeheartedly applauds, with enthusiasm, the confirmation of Ketanji Brown Jackson as the 116th Justice confirmed on the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Jackson, and now Justice Jackson, brings to this historic appointment her deep and rich experience in litigation, indigent defense, and criminal legal reform to the bench. Her exceptional record as a public defender, a commissioner and vice chair of the U.S. sentencing commission, a federal trial and appeals court judge, and a legal scholar distinguishes her as a noteworthy and highly qualified candidate for this lifetime appointment. This appointment is the first since Thurgood Marshall to add a justice to the High Court with the perspective and understanding of the shortcomings of the American criminal legal system and the multifaceted experience of injustice disproportionately suffered by Black and Brown communities.

This incredibly powerful moment in our country’s history is one to be celebrated and rejoiced. Still, we know this moment is the result of a long and challenging uphill battle. Our nation watched the nomination hearings, taking witness to the unfit and racially charged questioning which our brothers and sisters know are birthed from a place of prejudice. This is the very bias we wish to rid out of the American legal system. As we relish in this moment for Justice Jackson, and our society, we know our country’s transformation is not complete. We will pause today to fellowship and tomorrow we will continue the fight for the ultimate Civil Rights Dream.

We are overwhelmed with joy and pride, please join BAN as we wish to formally congratulate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson on her confirmation. Her ascension to the highest court in the nation is just the beginning. She has demonstrated to the world that Black women belong on the Bench.

Yours in Service,

DLS Black Alumni Network, Leadership Team