



Statement on Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson

The Harvard Black Law Students Association is extraordinarily proud of our treasured alumna, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson ('96), who President Biden has nominated to serve on the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Jackson is a brilliant lawyer, accomplished jurist, and has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to service and the pursuit and protection of justice. Judge Jackson currently serves as a federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and now stands as the first Black woman nominated to the Supreme Court.

Today, President Biden stated that “[it is] time that we have a court [that] reflects the full talents and greatness of our nation with a nominee of extraordinary qualifications.” Judge Jackson is the exemplary candidate to fulfill this role. With her background in criminal defense, trial work, and other exceptional qualifications, Judge Jackson will bring a powerful voice and a necessary perspective on today’s most pressing legal issues.

Judge Jackson's nomination is monumental. It acknowledges the value of Black women's perspectives and their critical role in shaping our nation and judicial system. The nomination of a Black woman to our country’s highest court was overdue. We are elated that the wait is now over.

We know that there is work to be done to ensure Judge Jackson becomes Justice Jackson. Our sincere hope is that the Senate Judiciary Committee will move Judge Jackson fairly and quickly through her confirmation process. For now, we celebrate this historic, groundbreaking honor and recognition of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson’s legacy.

To Judge Jackson, thank you for continuing to inspire us to advocate for justice, dream bigger, and dictate our own destinies.

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