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**WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLAUDS
PRESIDENT'S NOMINATION OF ONE OF THEIR OWN**

(New York, NY) The Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, a state-wide association with more than 3,300 members and the largest women's bar association in the country, today applauded the nomination by President Barack Obama of one of the association's members, Judge Sonia Sotomayor of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Gail M. Boggio, WBASNY President, stated "Our Association's mission is to advance the status of women in society and in the legal profession particularly, and to promote the fair and equal administration of justice for all. President Obama's nomination of Judge Sotomayor not only recognizes the outstanding qualifications she possesses, but also promotes diversity on this country's highest court."

President Boggio noted Judge Sotomayor's background and varied professional experience as a public prosecutor, litigator in private practice, and trial court and appellate judge. "WBASNY's members, like American society as a whole, include women and men of diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Our members also include public and private sector lawyers as well as members of the judiciary. Judge Sotomayor's nomination serves not only as inspiration to all professional women, but, upon confirmation, would render the makeup of the Supreme Court more reflective of the legal profession and our society."

President Boggio concluded, "We urge the speedy confirmation of this exceptional jurist."

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WBASNY's mission is to promote the advancement of women in society and in the legal profession, to promote the fair and equal administration of justice, and to act as a unified voice of significance to women generally and women attorneys in particular.

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