

This is an historic moment. We only get a handful of these moments in each generation—the kind that reverberates throughout future generations.

Judge Jackson has set a new bar for all of us. She is an exemplary jurist who strives to leave everyone who enters her courtroom with the feeling that they have been heard, regardless of their wealth or social status. Before that, she was an exemplary lawyer who provided the highest-quality representation to her clients—again, regardless of their wealth or social status.

And now Judge Jackson will bring her invaluable life experience to our highest court. Her experience as a Black woman in America carries vital perspective to offer her future colleagues and our country.

On top of that, she will bring unprecedented experience by becoming the first former public defender on the Supreme Court. Public defenders, who dedicate their careers to defending liberty and fighting for justice in our legal system, have historically—and imprudently—been excluded from our judiciary. This is a momentous step in the right direction and it will no doubt inspire the next generation of public defenders.

This is the kind of moment we can all celebrate. The kind that is so categorically good.

- Amir Ali, Executive Director, MacArthur Justice Center