

The Bazelon Center Celebrates the Historic Supreme Court Nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson

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Washington, D.C. (February 25, 2022) – Today the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law issued this statement from CEO Holly O'Donnell:

"The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law congratulates the White House and Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on her historic nomination to the United States Supreme Court. The nomination of a Black woman to our nation's highest court is long overdue. There were many qualified candidates who would honorably serve our country on the Supreme Court. Judge Brown Jackson' professional experience, including as a public defender in the District of Columbia, demonstrates a commitment to ensuring a fair day in court for all – including the District's Black and Brown people with disabilities, on whose behalf we have advocated for years. We are also heartened by the fact that among Judge Brown Jackson's judicial opinions are several cases demonstrating an understanding of disability rights, and the important protections they afford to people with disabilities. We look forward to further review of Judge Brown Jackson's record, and expect to work to support her nomination. The Bazelon Center celebrates her historic nomination."

The Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law protects and advances the civil rights people with mental and developmental disabilities – especially Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and other historically marginalized populations. We envision a society where our constituents with mental disabilities live with autonomy, dignity, and opportunity in welcoming communities, supported by law, policy, and practices that help them reach their full potential. For more information, visit: bazeloncenter.org