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Dear President Parker:

On behalf of the 12,000 members of the Philadelphia Bar Association, I wish to congratulate you on the Annual Awards & Scholarship Gala hosted by the Barristers' Association of Philadelphia Inc. I trust that you take pride in yet another successful event under your presidency.

In recent years, many Barristers' leaders have been heavily involved in Philadelphia Bar Association events and committees, from the Young Lawyers Division to the Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention to the Board of Governors. I sincerely thank you and the members of the Barristers for the considerable time, energy and commitment that you have dedicated to the mission of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

As you know, in December 2015, I had the opportunity to participate in the Barristers' expungement clinic, which was a very meaningful experience both personally and professionally. This experience formed the basis for our first Chancellor's Forum of 2016, focusing on "Criminal Records as a Barrier to Equality." Thank you again for moderating the Forum.

Furthermore, the Philadelphia Bar Association again offers congratulations to Kenneth Murphy, Esq., winner of the J. Austin Norris Award; the Honorable Karen Y. Simmons, winner of the A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Award; and Thurgood Matthews, Esq., winner of the Cecil B. Moore Award.

Thank you for all of the work that you do every day to help better our profession and our community.

Sincerely,

Gaetan J. Alfano  
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