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Leading Lawyers, Judges and Law Professors Support Judge Alito

Legal Leaders Release Letter in Support of Judge Alito

(Washington, DC) – About 100 leading lawyers, judges and law professors from across the country have signed a letter to Chairman Specter today in support of Judge Alito’s Supreme Court nomination. (A copy of this letter is available by request and is available at www.rnla.org/LeadingLawyersForAlito.pdf.) These leaders include former Attorney Generals, former Members of Congress, and most important, leading lawyers in their respective areas of practice.

Among these signers were members of the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA). Three of these members made the following statements in addition to signing the letter:

Professor Ronald Rotunda, professor of law at George Mason University, who was cited at the hearings yesterday as a leading authority on judicial ethics and recusal:

“The ethics experts agree that Judge Alito properly heard a case involving Vanguard because he had no economic interest in the case. His position was similar to a judge who has a checking account at the local bank; the fact that the bank is a party in the case does not affect the judge's checking account. If the ABA thought that Judge Alito had acted improperly, the ABA would not have given him their very highest recommendation.”

Heather Heidelbaugh, who has practiced in the Third Circuit Court before Judge Alito:

“In his answers today before the Judiciary Committee, Judge Alito has shown the appropriate respect for precedent, or stare decisis, yet has acknowledged it is ‘not an exorable command.’ Appropriately, Judge Alito refused to prognosticate in regard to how he would rule on abortion related cases likely to come before the high court. He demonstrated an intellectual’s grasp of the Constitution.”

Harvey Tettlebaum, RNLA President:

“From the questions which followed on Day 2 of the confirmation hearings, it is evident that Judge Alito understands the role of a judge and fits that role almost perfectly. Even those in the Senate who, prior to the hearing, expressed doubts about Judge Alito have come to recognize his ability, integrity and brilliance as a lawyer and a jurist. Therefore, no valid reason exists for him not to be confirmed.”

As liberals attack Judge Alito’s character and record, the RNLA has announced the availability of a nationwide panel of lawyers to provide professional perspectives on him. For more info visit: www.rnla.org/speakers.asp or call 703-719-6335.

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