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Quote of the week



Presidents come and go, but the Supreme Court goes on forever.

-William Howard Taft, 27th President of the United States, 10th Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court (not at the same time).

The framers of the Constitution,
Felt that true justice should not be an illusion .

They passed a constitution with balance and grace,
To make sure we do not destroy this place.

They felt that 9 justices chosen with care,
Would make for a country that is just and fair.

Tonight we have learned of the nominee,
For the high court of our country tis of thee.

As citizens informed we know the facts,
And encourage our Senators to how they acts.

Here is about nominee Brett Kavanaugh for you,
And there will be more on Thursday, as we all endure.

With the sudden and unexpected retirement of Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy, President Trump is in the rare circumstance of being able to select two justices to the Supreme Court during his first term. As we are all aware, these are lifetime appointments and as such have significant impact on the “lay of the land” so to speak for potentially multiple generations.

We, at the Thursday Report, are keenly aware of the potential impact of any nominee to the highest court in the land, and are happy to take show our readers a closer look at Trump Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh.

A quick look at Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump’s nomination for the Supreme Court.

by Zack Sobel, JD Candidate & Jason Twiss of the Thursday Report.

We have just learned that United States Court of Appeals Judge Brett Kavanaugh has been nominated by President Trump to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court created by retiring Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy. What do we know of Judge Kavenaugh and his ideology? Quite a bit, honestly. Here is a glimpse into what we can expect.

Judge Kavanaugh is a conservative judge with a history of rulings confirming such. He has been described as a “committed textualist and orgininalist” by J.D. Vance, one of Kavanaugh’s law students at Yale Law School. Kavanaugh clerked for Justice Anthony Kennedy during his formative years who also swore him in as the United States Court of Appeals Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit after he was nominated by President George W. Bush in 2006.

With the possibility of a future challenge to *Roe v. Wade*, Kavanaugh could prove to be

crucial to the prevailing judgement. He has stated that he considers *Roe v. Wade* binding under *Stare Decisis* and would seek to uphold it, but has previously ruled in favor of abortion restrictions.

In 2011 Judge Kavanaugh ruled against the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), though his dissent was based on his belief that the court did not have the jurisdiction to hear the case.

As well as his previous judgements on the aforementioned issues, Judge Kavanaugh has ruled regularly against environmental regulation, and wrote for the panel finding that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau was unconstitutional in its design.

He was born in Washington in 1965, and like Justice Neil Gorsuch, he attended Georgetown Preparatory School. He went on to graduate from Yale College in 1987 and Yale Law School in 1990. After multiple clerkships with Court of Appeals Justices, Kavanaugh eventually landed a one-year fellowship with the then U.S. Solicitor General Kenneth Star, with whom he would later join at the Office of Independent Counsel a few years later to help author the grounds for impeachment against President Clinton.

Judge Kavanaugh has an interesting and probably contentious confirmation process ahead of him as even his confirmation to the U.S. Court of Appeals was delayed three years due to Senate Democrats' concerns over his "partisanship." Nonetheless, Kavanaugh was confirmed in 2006 to the D.C. Circuit by a vote of 57-36 along party lines.