

APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICE ALITO

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006

Present: CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS, JUSTICE SCALIA,
JUSTICE KENNEDY, JUSTICE SOUTER, JUSTICE THOMAS,
JUSTICE GINSBURG, JUSTICE BREYER, and JUSTICE ALITO.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

This special sitting of the Court is held today to receive the Commission of the newly appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Samuel A. Alito, Jr. The Court now recognizes the Attorney General of the United States, Alberto Gonzales.

Attorney General Gonzales said:

MR. CHIEF JUSTICE, and may it please the Court. I have the Commission which has been issued to the Honorable Samuel A. Alito, Jr., as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The Commission has been duly signed by the President of the United States and attested by me as the Attorney General of the United States. I move that the Clerk read the Commission and that it be made part of the permanent records of this Court.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Thank you, General Gonzales, your motion is granted. Mr. Clerk, will you please read the Commission?

The Clerk read the Commission:

GEORGE W. BUSH,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all who shall see these Presents, Greeting:

KNOW YE; That reposing special trust and confidence in the Wisdom, Uprightness, and Learning of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, I have nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that Office according to the Constitution and Laws of the said United States, and to Have and to Hold the said Office, with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining, unto Him, the said Samuel A. Alito, Jr., during his good behavior.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made patent and the seal of the Department of Justice to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this thirty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

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GEORGE W. BUSH

By the President:

ALBERTO GONZALES,
Attorney General

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

I now ask the Deputy Clerk of the Court to escort Justice Alito to the bench.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Are you ready to take the oath?

Justice Alito said:

I am.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Raise your right hand and repeat after me.

Justice Alito said:

I, Samuel A. Alito, Jr., do solemnly swear that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States under the Constitution and laws of the United States. So help me God.

SAMUEL A. ALITO, JR.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this sixteenth day of February, 2006.

JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR.

Chief Justice

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

JUSTICE ALITO, on behalf of all the members of the Court, it is my pleasure to extend to you a very warm welcome as the 110th Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and to wish you a long and happy career in our common calling.