

APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICE KAGAN

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2010

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

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, Elena Kagan.

We are pleased to have with us today the President of the United States. On behalf of the Court Mr. President, welcome. You are always welcome here.

On behalf of all of us, I am also delighted to welcome back our distinguished colleagues, Justice Stevens, Justice O'Connor, and Justice Souter. Welcome back.

The Court now recognizes the Attorney General of the United States, Eric Holder.

Attorney General Holder said:

MR. CHIEF JUSTICE, and may it please the Court. I have the Commission which has been issued to the Honorable Elena Kagan, 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, Attorney General Holder, your motion is granted. Mr. Clerk, will you please read the Commission.

The Clerk read the Commission:

BARACK OBAMA,

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 Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, I have nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint her an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and do authorize and empower her 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 her, the said Elena Kagan, during her 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 sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

[SEAL]

BARACK OBAMA

By the President:

ERIC H. HOLDER,
Attorney General

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

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

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Please repeat after me.

Justice Kagan said:

I, Elena Kagan, 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.

ELENA KAGAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this first day of October, 2010.

JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR.

Chief Justice

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Congratulations. JUSTICE KAGAN, on behalf of all the members of the Court, it is my pleasure to extend to you a very warm welcome as the 100th Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. We wish for you a long and happy career in our common calling.

JUSTICE KAGAN said:

Thank you.