

APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICE GORSUCH

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017

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

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, Neil M. Gorsuch.

We are pleased to have with us today the President of the United States. On behalf of the Court, Mr. President, I extend to you and the First Lady a warm welcome. We are also pleased to have with us our retired colleague, Justice Stevens. Welcome back.

The Court now recognizes the Deputy Attorney General of the United States, Rod J. Rosenstein.

Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein said:

MR. CHIEF JUSTICE, and may it please the Court. I have the Commission which has been issued to the Honorable Neil M. Gorsuch, 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 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, Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein, your motion is granted. Mr. Clerk, will you please read the Commission.

The Clerk read the Commission:

DONALD J. TRUMP,

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 Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, I have nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him 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 Neil M. Gorsuch, 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 eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.

[SEAL]

DONALD J. TRUMP

By the President:

JEFFERSON B. SESSIONS, III,
Attorney General

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

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

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Please repeat after me.

Justice Gorsuch said:

I, Neil M. Gorsuch, 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.

NEIL M. GORSUCH

Subscribed and sworn to before me this fifteenth day of June, 2017.

JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR.
Chief Justice

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Congratulations. JUSTICE GORSUCH, on behalf of all the members of the Court, it is my pleasure to extend to you a very warm welcome as the 101st Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. We wish for you a long and happy career in our common calling.

JUSTICE GORSUCH said:

Mr. Chief Justice, I want to thank all of my colleagues and all of those who serve in this remarkable institution for the warm welcome I've received. Thank you.