

APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICE KAVANAUGH

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

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

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, Brett M. Kavanaugh.

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 Kennedy.

The Court now recognizes the Acting Attorney General of the United States, Matthew Whitaker.

Acting Attorney General Whitaker said:

MR. CHIEF JUSTICE, and may it please the Court. I have the Commission which has been issued to the Honorable Brett M. Kavanaugh, 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 record of the Court.

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Thank you, Attorney General Whitaker, 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 Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, 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 Brett M. Kavanaugh, 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 sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.

[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 Kavanaugh to the bench.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Please repeat after me.

Justice Kavanaugh said:

I, Brett M. Kavanaugh, 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.

BRETT M. KAVANAUGH

Subscribed and sworn to before me this eighth day of November, 2018.

JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR.

Chief Justice

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Congratulations. JUSTICE KAVANAUGH, on behalf of all the members of the Court, it is my pleasure to extend to you a very warm welcome as the 102nd Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. We wish for you a long and happy career in our common calling.

JUSTICE KAVANAUGH said:

Thank you.