

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF JOHN PAUL STEVENS

Born: April 20, 1920, Chicago, Illinois.

Legal residence: Illinois.

Marital status: Married, wife—Elizabeth Jane Sheeren, 4 children.

Education: 1937-41—University of Chicago, A.B. degree and 1945-47—Northwestern University, School of Law, J.D. degree, magna cum laude.

Bar: 1949, Illinois.

Military Service: 1942-45, United States Navy, Lieutenant.

Experience: 1947-48—Law Clerk to Justice Wiley Rutledge, United States Supreme Court; 1948-51—1952—Associate, Poppenhusen, Johnston, Thompson & Raymond, Chicago, Illinois; 1951—Associate Counsel, Subcommittee on the Study of Monopoly Power, Judiciary Committee, U.S. House of Representatives; 1950-54—Lecturer, Northwestern School of Law; 1954, 1955—1958—Lecturer, University of Chicago Law School; 1952-70—Partner, Rothschild, Stevens, Barry & Myers, Chicago, Illinois; and 1970 to present—United States Circuit Judge, 7th Circuit.

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Chairman EASTLAND. I will also make a part of the record a compilation prepared by the Library of Congress of reported decisions of the seventh circuit in which the nominee participated.

(The compilation referred to is printed below at page 85.)

Chairman EASTLAND. The Attorney General is recognized.

TESTIMONY OF EDWARD LEVI, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LEVI. Mr. Chairman, it gives me enormous pleasure to be able to present to you and to the committee, Judge John Paul Stevens who has been nominated for a position on the Supreme Court of the United States.

I have known Judge Stevens for many years. He is not exactly of my generation so I cannot speak of him as Senator Percy will be able to speak of him but I have known of him and of his work and of his stellar performance in everything he has attempted to do since the time he was an undergraduate student at the University of Chicago, and a law student at Northwestern University, and then in the Navy, and then in private practice where he was immediately recognized as one of the outstanding lawyers in the city of Chicago, then as an associate counsel for the Celler committee, the Subcommittee on Monopoly Power in the House of Representatives, and again in his practice, his work as a member of Bar Association official commissions, and finally, and most importantly, his appointment to the court of appeals as a circuit judge in 1970, and I am very familiar with his opinions since that time.

Judge Stevens, if one looks at all of the sitting judges, the Federal judges in the United States, he is truly outstanding. His opinions, in my view, are gems of perfection. He is a craftsman of the highest order. He has a built-in direction system about how a judge should approach a problem fairly, squarely, succinctly. His opinions are a joy to read.

If one has to read as many opinions of court of appeals judges as I have read, let me say that other judges have a very high mark to come up to to compare with his craftsmanship, his innate sense of what a judge is supposed to do, the kind of judicial restraint and forthrightness which makes for a great judiciary.