

PREPARED STATEMENT BY SENATOR ALFONSE D'AMATO INTRODUCING DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE ANTONIN SCALIA

Mr. Chairman, it is a great honor and pleasure for me to introduce to you and to this Committee Judge Antonin Scalia as the President's nominee to be a Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

It is a source of great pride to all Americans, and particularly to all Americans of Italian descent, that this brilliant son of an immigrant is being nominated to our nation's highest court. Judge Antonin Scalia is the first Italian American ever nominated to the Supreme Court.

Judge Scalia's father came to this country through Ellis Island, as did so many millions of our ancestors. His grandfather brought his family to America seeking only the opportunity to work hard and to make a better life for his family.

When Judge Scalia's father became a professor of Romance Languages at Brooklyn College, he moved his family to Elmhurst, in Queens, New York. Antonin Scalia attended High School at St. Francis Xavier Academy in New York City. He attended Georgetown University, and graduated first in his class, summa cum laude.

At Harvard Law School, he was Note Editor of the Law Review. He graduated from Harvard, magna cum laude, in 1960.

Antonin Scalia has excelled at every area of the law to which he has turned his attention. After practicing with a well known Cleveland law firm, he taught at the University of Virginia for three years.

In 1974, he was chosen to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel—the office which is responsible for providing legal advice to the President. Serving under Attorney General Edward Levi, he demonstrated the brilliance, independence of thought, and great persuasiveness that have marked his entire career.

Judge Scalia has been a distinguished professor of law at several of our nation's, great law schools: the University of Virginia, Georgetown, Stanford, and the University of Chicago.

He has served on the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia since 1982. He is universally admired by his colleagues and by the attorneys who appear before him. All cite his extraordinary intellectual ability, and his exceptional honesty, fairness, and integrity. Litigators describe him as phenomenally well prepared, and possessed of an exceptionally keen analytical mind.

The fate of his written opinions attest to the excellence of this nominee. His opinions have fared exceptionally well before the Supreme Court. Only twice has the Supreme Court failed to endorse his opinions after giving full-scale review.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I submit to you that Justice-designate Scalia has earned the great honor the President has conferred upon him. I am confident that Judge Scalia will be outstanding, not only as the first Italian-American Justice to serve on the Supreme Court, but as one of the greatest justices of any background to serve on that Court.

It is indeed a great honor to present this most able and distinguished nominee to you and to this Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

ANTONIN SCALIA

1. *Birth*: Born March 11, 1936, in Trenton, New Jersey.

2. *Marriage*: Married to Maureen McCarthy, Sept. 10, 1960; nine children (Ann Forrest, Eugene, John Francis, Catherine Elisabeth, Mary Clare, Paul David, Matthew, Christopher James, and Margaret Jane).

3. *Education*: Georgetown University and University of Fribourg (Switzerland), A.B., 1957; Harvard Law School, LL.B., 1960; Harvard Law Review: Sheldon Fellow, Harvard University, 1960-61.

4. *Bar*: Admitted to practice in Ohio (1962) and Virginia (1970).

5. *Experience*: In private practice with Jones, Day, Cockley and Reavis, Cleveland, Ohio, 1961-67; professor of law, University of Virginia Law School, 1967-74 (on leave 1971-74); General Counsel, Office of Telecommunications Policy, Executive Office of the President, 1971-72; Chairman, Administrative Conference of the United States, 1972-74; Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, 1974-77; Scholar in Residence, American Enterprise Institute, 1977; Visiting Professor of Law, Georgetown University, 1977; Professor of Law, University of Chicago, 1977-82; Visiting Professor of Law, Stanford University, 1980-81; Editor, Regulation Magazine, 1979-82; Chairman, ABA Section of Administrative Law, 1981-82; Chairman, ABA Conference of Section Chairmen, 1982-83; Board of Visitors, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, 1978-81; Nominated by President Reagan to U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia