



Advocacy Update

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Solicitor General Elena Kagan Nominated To Fill Supreme Court Seat

Solicitor General Elena Kagan was nominated by President Obama on Monday to fill the Supreme Court seat vacated by the retirement of Justice John Paul Stevens. If she is confirmed she will have an essential role to fill; for many years, Justice Stevens has been a leader in seeking to protect the hard-won rights, including women's reproductive rights, of our nation's people.

Rabbi David Saperstein, director and counsel of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, has issued a press statement welcoming the nomination of Elena Kagan, announcing the Reform Movement's launch of www.AskElenaKagan.com, and calling on the Senate to consider the "nomination of Solicitor General Kagan, a trailblazer with a stellar reputation, in time to allow for a full bench" when the new term of the Supreme Court begins in October.

Rabbi Sapertstein noted that the RAC will be examining Solicitor General Kagan's record to become more informed about her judicial approach and has developed the web page www.AskElenaKagan.com to enable all of us to "suggest questions that members of the Judiciary Committee should ask Solicitor General Kagan during her confirmation hearing."