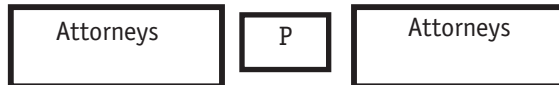


Want to play a supreme court justice? Write your name the box next to the justice you'd like to be. (You may select more than one.)

| <b>General voting blocks</b>  | <b>Names</b>  |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Conservative                  | Roberts, Scalia, Thomas, Alito  |  |
| Centrist                      | Kennedy, <sup>1</sup>   |  |
| Liberal                       | Stevens, Ginsburg, Breyer, Sotomajor <sup>2</sup>   |  |
| Chief Justice<br>Conservative | <b>John G. Roberts (54)*</b> Born 1955<br>Replaced Rehnquist (who died in Sept. 2005) as Chief Justice. Conservatives are happy as he has proved himself to be reliably so. Said he would uphold precedent (previous USSC decisions), but this may not turn out to be the case. (George W. Bush – 2005, Chief Justice)          |  |
| Moderate/Liberal              | <b>John Paul Stevens (89)</b> Born 1920<br>On the Court the longest. Votes liberal on almost every issue now, but when appointed was more moderate in the liberal Warren Court (Ford – 1975)  |  |
| Ultra Conservative            | <b>Antonin Scalia (73)</b> Born 1936<br>To the liberals he is the “Prince of Darkness,” to the right he’s it. (Reagan – 1986)   |  |
| Conservative to<br>Centrist   | <b>Anthony Kennedy (73)</b> Born 1936<br>Grew up in the Sacramento. Definitely a conservative on most issues, but he sometimes voted more centrist along with Souter and O’Connor. It will be interesting to see where he falls in this new, more conservative line-up. (Reagan – 1987)   |  |
| Ultra Conservative            | <b>Clarence Thomas (61)</b> Born 1948<br>Youngest member and only African-American. Took the place of another African-American justice, Thurgood Marshall. Thomas is as conservative as Marshall was liberal (very). Anita Hill’s allegations of sexual misconduct almost cost him the nomination. (Bush, Sr. – 1991)           |  |
| Liberal/Moderate              | <b>Ruth Bader Ginsburg (76)</b> Born 1933<br>Jewish and mostly liberal. Is well known for her legal opinions on sex discrimination issues. Smart and very small. (Clinton – 1994)   |  |
| Liberal/Moderate              | <b>Stephen Breyer (71)</b> Born 1938<br>Grew up in San Francisco in a Jewish family, but married a British aristocrat. Is known as hard working, fair, generally liberal, but as a pragmatist on business-regulation issues. (Clinton – 1994)   |  |
| Conservative                  | <b>Samuel A. Alito, Jr. (59)</b> Born 1950<br>Both his personal opinions (as expressed in his writings) and his legal opinions in the 15 years he was on the Third Circuit indicate that he is a solid conservative. Says he respects precedent but gave vague answers during his confirmation hearing. (George W. Bush – 2006) |  |
| Liberal                       | <b>Sonia Sotomajor Born (55)</b> 1954<br>Conservatives accuse her of being an “activist” judge. On the Second Circuit, Sotomayor heard appeals in more than 3,000 cases and has written about 380 opinions. (Barak Obama – 2009)  |  |
| *Ages in 2009                 | 1 Usually votes with conservatives giving them 5 votes (a majority)<br>2 Generally thought to be liberal, but actual voting record is unknown at this time.   |  |

# USSC Justice Seating Chart and Appellate Courtroom Setup\*

## The United State Supreme Court Justices\*



\* The nine Justices are seated by seniority. The Chief Justice is in the middle, the senior Associate Justice to his right, the second in seniority to his left, and so on, alternating right and left by seniority. This is a common practice in many U.S. courts.

- 1 JR = Roberts (Chief Justice—CJ)•
- 2 JPS = Stevens
- 3 AS = Scalia
- 4 AK = Kennedy
- 5 CT = Thomas
- 6 RBG = Ginsburg
- 7 SB = Breyer
- 8 SA = Alito
- 9 SS = Sotomayor

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## CA and other state supreme courts (7 Judges)



## CA, Federal and other state courts of appeal (Three-Judge Courts)

