

## JUDGE SAMUEL A. ALITO, JR., BIOGRAPHY

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- Samuel A. Alito, Jr., was born in April, 1950, in Trenton, New Jersey.
  - Alito received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University and attended Yale Law School, where he served as an editor on the Yale Law Journal.
  - Alito clerked for Judge Leonard Garth of the Third Circuit.
  - From 1977-1980, Alito served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the appellate division, where he argued cases before the circuit court to which he was later appointed.
  - From 1981-1985, Alito served as Assistant to the Solicitor General.
  - From 1985-1987, Alito served in the Office of Legal Counsel as Deputy Assistant Attorney General where he provided constitutional advice for the Executive Branch.
  - From 1987-1989, Alito served as U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, prosecuting white collar and environmental crimes, drug trafficking, organized crime, and violations of civil rights.
  - Alito was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey.
  - In 1990, President George H. Bush nominated Judge Alito to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit – Alito was unanimously confirmed by voice vote.
  - Judge Alito has participated in thousands of appeals and authored hundreds of opinions.
  - Judge Alito has argued 12 Supreme Court cases and argued at least two dozen court of appeals cases and handled at least 50 others.
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## JUDGE SAMUEL ALITO: OUTSTANDING SUPREME COURT NOMINEE

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### **Experienced Nominee – Judge Alito is one of the most experienced and qualified Supreme Court nominees ever.**

- Judge Alito has more judicial experience than any Supreme Court nominee in the last 70 years.
- Judge Alito's distinguished career includes 29 years as a public servant.
- In his 15 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, Judge Alito has decided more than 1,500 cases dealing with complex constitutional, criminal, and civil disputes.
- As Assistant Solicitor General, Judge Alito argued 12 cases before the Supreme Court and dozens of cases before the federal courts of appeals.

### **Fair, Dignified Process – It is important for the American people that the Senate conduct a fair and dignified confirmation process, including respectful hearings and a timely, up-or-down vote.**

- The Senate unanimously confirmed Judge Alito to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit by voice vote in 1990.
- The American people spoke in the elections in favor of judicial restraint and a fair up-or-down vote and against the partisan obstruction of the 108th Congress.
- Senators should not pre-judge or play politics with the nominee, but should carefully review the nominee's record.

### **Mainstream and Fair Judge – Judge Alito is widely respected as a fair judge in the mainstream of American jurisprudence.**

- Judge Alito has a reputation as an even-tempered, impartial and fair-minded judge who believes in judicial restraint.
  - He is committed to the rule of law and understands that the proper role of a judge is to strictly interpret the law, not legislate from the bench.
  - He rules impartially based on the facts and the law in each case, not on his personal political views.
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