

The Judicial Nominations Process and how YOU can have an impact!



The President nominates judges
“by and with the advice and consent of
the Senate.”

THE GOVERNMENT

1. Judge/Justice retires, dies or is convicted on impeachment
2. President announces a nominee
3. Nominee referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee
4. Senate Judiciary Committee holds a hearing on the nominee
5. Judiciary Committee reports a “favorable recommendation,” “unfavorable recommendation,” or “no recommendation”
6. Senate debates nomination
7. Senate votes on the nominee
8. Confirmed judge/Justice takes his or her seat on the bench

YOU!

Research the nominee!

Find out about their qualifications, background, and judicial philosophy. The following organizations can help:

- Religious Action Center (rac.org)
- Alliance for Justice (afj.org)
- Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (civilrights.org)

Write a Letter or Make a Phone Call to Members of the Judiciary Committee!

Let them know what you think about a particular nominee. Or, ask them to find out certain information during the hearings.

Write a Letter or Make a Phone Call to Your State’s Senators!

Tell them how you want them to vote and justify your position using the background information that you have gathered.

Consider the Courts when you Vote for the President and your Senators!

Your vote helps determine who will make essential decisions about the federal bench.