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## Bush Judicial Nominee Faces Smear Tactics

**William G. Myers is being attacked by liberal special interest groups over his nomination to be a judge on the federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.**

William G. Myers served from July 2001 to October, 2003 as the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior in the Bush Administration. He was confirmed to that position in 2001 by the U.S. Senate.

Myers has been nominated to fill a position on the liberal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco but is being vilified by leftist special interest groups like People for the American Way (PFAW).

PFAW has published a lengthy attack against Mr. Myers on its web site. This liberal group claims that Myers has a troubling legal philosophy that includes “elevated protection for private property ‘rights’ as a method to invalidate environmental and other government regulation.”

Myers is also criticized for writing an article in 1988 in support of the nomination of Judge Robert Bork to become a member of the U.S. Supreme Court. Bork’s judicial philosophy is in line with the views of the Founding Fathers who believed that judges should interpret the law, not make law. Bork continues to oppose judicial activism.

Liberals have condemned Myers for his lack of judicial experience but President Clinton appointed 32 lawyers to the federal bench who had no judicial experience, including nine to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

### What Are The Facts?

The Committee for Justice (CFJ) has compiled a detailed report on Mr. Myers’ excellent credentials and his judicial philosophy.

The CFJ notes that Mr. Myers has served in the Department of Energy as Deputy Counsel for Programs, served as Assistant to the Attorney General of the U.S. from 1989 to 1992. Prior to entering the Justice De-

partment, Mr. Myers worked as Legislative Counsel to Senator Alan Simpson (R-WY).

Mr. Myers’ area of interest has been in environmental law and natural resources. He is a recognized expert on natural resources and public lands law—issues that are frequently heard by the 9th Circuit.

Political leaders of both parties in his home state of Idaho support the nomination of Myers to the 9th Circuit Court. This includes every member of the Idaho congressional delegation as well as Idaho’s former Democratic Governor Cecil Andrus. Former Democratic Governor Mike Sullivan also supports Myers’ nomination to the 9th Circuit.

Former Attorneys General William Barr and Richard Thornburgh also support Myers. Thornburgh says Myers is “exceptionally well qualified to serve as a member of the Federal Judiciary.”

Myers was voted out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on July 20, 2004. His nomination now goes to the Senate floor for a vote later this summer or early fall.

**TAKE ACTION:** Become more informed on the qualifications of President Bush’s judicial nominees. Download materials from The Committee for Justice web site: <http://committeeofjustice.org> and the Coalition for a Fair Judiciary: <http://fairjudiciary.camp-sol.-com>.

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