

Bench Statement

The Chief Justice: “The Court now recognizes the Deputy Solicitor General Katyal.”

“The Court at this time wishes to note for the record that Neal K. Katyal has served as Acting Solicitor General from May 17, 2010, to June 9, 2011. The Court recognizes the considerable responsibility that has been placed upon you, Mr. Katyal, to represent the government of the United States before this Court. On behalf of my colleagues, I thank you for a job well done. You have our sincere appreciation.

Deputy Solicitor General Katyal: “Mr. Chief Justice and may it please the Court. I have the honor to present to the Court the Solicitor General of the United States, the Honorable Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., of Washington, DC.”

The Chief Justice: “Mr. Solicitor General, the Court welcomes you to the performance of the important office that you have assumed, to represent the government of the United States before this court. You follow in the footsteps of other outstanding attorneys who have held your new office. Your commission will be duly recorded by the Clerk.”

Solicitor General Verrilli: “Thank you, Mr. Chief Justice.”

[Announcements of Opinions]

The Chief Justice: “I am authorized to announce that the Court has acted on all cases submitted for decision this Term. Disposition of items scheduled for conference today will be reflected on the order list that will be released at 10:00 o’clock tomorrow morning. The Court will be in recess from today until the first Monday in October 2011, at which time the October 2010 Term of the Court will be adjourned and the October 2011 Term of the Court will begin as provided by law.”

”The Court also notes today that the Court’s Librarian, Judith Gaskell, has announced her retirement. She will be leaving us before we reconvene in the fall. Ms. Gaskell has served as the Court’s Librarian since 2003. In the earliest years, the Court did not have its own Library. Members of the Court used their own personal collections or borrowed books from the Library of Congress or other sources. Today, the Librarian manages the Court’s splendid collection of more than 500,000 volumes, directs a staff of 28, and provides irreplaceable research in support of our work. The Court thanks you, Ms. Gaskell, for your dedicated service, and we wish you well in your retirement.”

“On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank the Supreme Court employees for their outstanding work and dedication to their important responsibilities during this Term. The commitment and professionalism of all the Court staff contribute significantly to the accomplishment of the Court’s mission.”

“The Court also thanks the members of the Court’s bar for their professionalism and cooperation.”