

ELENA KAGAN IS CONFIRMED TO THE SUPREME COURT

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A short time ago the Senate voted 63-37 in favor of confirming Elena Kagan as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Ms. Kagan when sworn in will replace outgoing Justice John Paul Stevens. 5 Republicans, 56 Democrats and 2 Independent Senators voted in favor of Ms. Kagan's nomination. Ms. Kagan is not likely to change the ideological make-up of the court when it comes to employment matters. Justice Stevens was considered a liberal jurist and Ms. Kagan is likely to be the same. A couple of interesting side bars, this is of course the first time in the history of the Court that three sitting Justices are women and for the first time in the history of the Court, there is no Justice who identifies him or herself as a Protestant on the Court. You can read more about the Senate vote on Ms. Kagan at the New York Times:

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/06/us/politics/06kagan.html?_r=1&hp and more about the history and demographics of the Court at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supreme_Court_of_the_United_States