



“Judges should strictly interpret the Constitution and laws, not legislate from the bench.”

-President George W. Bush
October 8, 2005

President Bush claims to oppose activist judges who “legislate from the bench.”

But that didn't stop him from nominating Judge Samuel Alito to a lifetime seat on the Supreme Court.

Judge Alito has repeatedly legislated from the bench on behalf of big polluters and other special interests.

- He prevented citizens from enforcing the Clean Water Act against a polluter for 150 violations of the law. The Supreme Court later rejected his legal reasoning.
- Judge Alito overturned an emergency Environmental Protection Agency order requiring a polluter to clean up toxic pollution threatening the drinking water for 180,000 people.
- And he tried to overturn a law signed by President Reagan prohibiting the possession of machine guns.

Judge Alito's rulings go far beyond a judge's traditional role of interpreting the laws of the land. Time and again, Judge Alito put his own views above the laws enacted by Congress and signed by the President.

Senators Collins and Snowe:

VOTE NO on Judge Alito's nomination to the Supreme Court.

Because judges should not legislate from the bench.