

SENATOR TED CRUZ
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary

**Questions for the Record for Kedric Payne, Vice President, General Counsel,
and Senior Director of Ethics, Campaign Legal Center**

I. Directions

Please provide a wholly contained answer to each question. A question's answer should not cross-reference answers provided in other questions. Because a previous witness declined to provide any response to discrete subparts of previous questions, they are listed here separately, even when one continues or expands upon the topic in the immediately previous question or relies on facts or context previously provided.

If a question asks for a yes or no answer, please provide a yes or no answer first and then provide subsequent explanation. If the answer to a yes or no question is sometimes yes and sometimes no, please state such first and then describe the circumstances giving rise to each answer.

If a question asks for a choice between two options, please begin by stating which option applies, or both, or neither, followed by any subsequent explanation.

If you disagree with the premise of a question, please answer the question as-written and then articulate both the premise about which you disagree and the basis for that disagreement.

If you lack a basis for knowing the answer to a question, please first describe what efforts you have taken to ascertain an answer to the question and then provide your tentative answer as a consequence of its reasonable investigation.

To the extent that an answer depends on an ambiguity in the question asked, please state the ambiguity you perceive in the question, and provide multiple answers which articulate each possible reasonable interpretation of the question in light of the ambiguity.

II. Questions

1. During Senator Kennedy’s questioning, he asked you about retweets from a Twitter account bearing your name and likeness. Is your Twitter account “@kedric_payne”?

RESPONSE: Yes.

2. Did you retweet this?

RESPONSE: Yes.



- a. Do you believe that “some justices are politicians in robes”?

RESPONSE: No.

- b. If you do not, then why did you retweet this post?

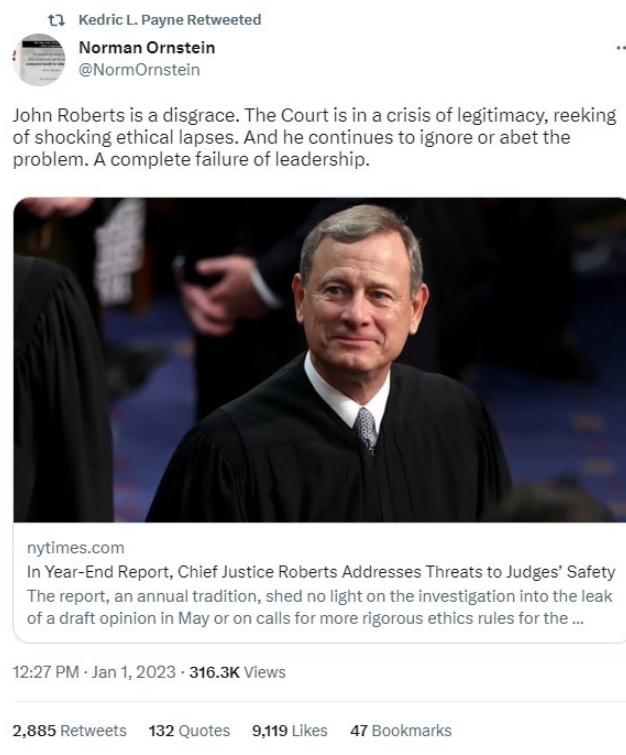
RESPONSE: This is a retweet of a New York Times article that reported that “in a letter to Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and in interviews with The New York Times, the Rev. Rob Schenck said he was told the outcome of the 2014 case weeks before it was announced.” I

retweeted this because it concerns Supreme Court ethics.

3. Senator Kennedy also questioned you about a retweet that referred to Chief Justice John Roberts as “a disgrace.” You responded, “no, Senator, I did not retweet that.”

a. Did you retweet this?

RESPONSE: Yes, as I stated on the record following Senator Kennedy’s question where he declined my request to provide me with a copy of the retweet to refresh my recollection.



b. Do you believe that Chief Justice John Roberts is “a disgrace”?

RESPONSE: No.

c. If you do not, then why did you retweet this post?

RESPONSE: This is a retweet of a New York Times article that reports that Chief Justice Roberts’ year-end statements “shed no light on the investigation into the leak of a draft opinion in May or on calls for more

rigorous ethics rules for the justices.” I retweeted this because it concerns Supreme Court ethics.