

**Extra! Extra!
 U.S. Senate Confirms (One) Judicial Nominee,
 Begins Filibuster Against Another and Continues Obstructionism
 Against Miguel Estrada**

As the obstructionist filibuster against D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals nominee Miguel Estrada continues -- and another begins against Fifth Circuit nominee Priscilla Owen -- the United States Senate this week confirmed, by a vote of 52 to 41, the nomination of Jeffrey Sutton to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Like Estrada and Owen, Sutton's nomination was stalled in confirmation limbo for nearly two years. Like Estrada and Owen, his confirmation is opposed by radical special interest groups that have hijacked the judicial confirmation process. In fact, while Sutton's confirmation is a step in the right direction, a simple comparison of the three nominees' experience and situation further begs the question of why a majority of Senate Democrats will not allow the nominations of Miguel Estrada and Priscilla Owen to proceed to an up-or-down vote by the full Senate, as prescribed by the U.S. Constitution.

Jeffrey Sutton	Miguel Estrada	Priscilla Owen
Nomination Date: May 9, 2001	May 9, 2001	May 9, 2001
Court Appointed to: U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit	U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit	U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
Judicial Emergency: YES	NO	YES
Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree Williams College Juris Doctorate Ohio State University College of Law Graduated with honors (1 st in his class)	Bachelor of Arts Degree Columbia College Graduated <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> and Phi Beta Kappa Juris Doctorate Harvard Law School Editor, <i>Harvard Law Review</i>	Bachelor of Arts Degree Baylor University Graduated with honors Juris Doctorate, Baylor Univ. School of Law Graduated with honors (1 st in class) <i>Baylor Law Review</i>

<p>Experience:</p> <p>Partner Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue</p> <p>Adjunct Professor of Law Ohio State University College of Law</p> <p>State Solicitor Ohio</p> <p>Associate Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue</p> <p>Law Clerk United States Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell & Justice Antonin Scalia</p> <p>Law Clerk United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit Judge Thomas Meskill</p>	<p>Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP Member, Appellate and Constitutional Law Practice Group Member, Business Crimes and Investigations Practice Group Before becoming Partner, worked under now U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson</p> <p>Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States Served under both President George H. W. Bush and President Bill Clinton</p> <p>Assistant U.S. Attorney Southern District of New York</p> <p>Law Clerk United States Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy</p> <p>Law Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit Judge Amalya L. Kearse</p>	<p>Justice, Supreme Court of Texas Supreme Court Liaison to the Texas Legal Services for the Poor Special Committee and the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Court-Annexed Mediations 2000 — Elected to a second term with 84% of the vote.</p> <p>Andrews & Kurth, LLP Partner (1985-1994) Associate (1978-1985) Specialized in commercial litigation Admitted to practice before the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Fourth, Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh Circuits</p>
<p># of Cases Argued before U.S. Supreme Court:</p> <p>12</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>American Bar Association Rating:</p> <p>“Qualified” (Majority) “Well-Qualified” (Minority)</p>	<p>“Well-Qualified” (Unanimous)</p>	<p>“Well-Qualified” (Unanimous)</p>
<p>Bipartisan Support:</p> <p>YES</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p># of Confidential Memos Released:</p> <p>0</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>0</p>

Where their nominations stand:		
Confirmed by the Senate on April 29, 2003 Vote: 52-41	Ongoing Filibuster Nomination pending for 721 days, and counting.	Ongoing Filibuster Nomination pending for 721 days, and counting.

What, besides ethnicity and gender, is the difference between Jeffrey Sutton and Miguel Estrada or Priscilla Owen?

To send a letter to your Senators urging them to end the obstructionist filibusters against Miguel Estrada and Priscilla Owen, visit www.cff.org