



Obama Endorses Bruce Harris

... Okay, Not Really. But He Sure Seems To Respect Bruce Harris' Resume More Than Nicholas Scutari And Senate Democrats

President Obama Says A Supreme Court Justice Needs "Practical Experience" In Addition To "Intellectual Fire Power":

- **Obama:** "I think it's also important that this is somebody who has common sense and somebody who has a sense of how American society works and how the American people live." (President Barack Obama, [Interview With C-SPAN](#), 5/22/09)
- **Obama:** "I want a judge who has a sense of how regulations might affect the businesses in a practical way." (President Barack Obama, [Interview With C-SPAN](#), 5/22/09)
- **Obama:** "So, in all these cases what I want is not just ivory tower learning. I want somebody who has the intellectual fire power, but also a little bit of a common touch and has a practical sense of how the world works. ... And I think that that's – those criteria of common sense, practicality, a sense of what ordinary Americans are going through everyday. Putting that in the mix, when the judges are looking at cases before them, it's very important." (President Barack Obama, [Interview With C-SPAN](#), 5/22/09)
- **Obama:** "[Y]ou want a judge who has a sense of what's going on in the day-to-day lives of the American people and has some practical experience. And I'm confident that there are people who combine both the intellectual qualities and the qualities of judgment and common sense that will make them a great Supreme Court justice." (President Barack Obama, [Interview With C-SPAN](#), 5/22/09)

Bruce Harris Seems To Be The Ideal Candidate, Combining A Sterling Legal Record With Real World Experience:

- **Bruce Harris' Legal Expertise Is Unquestioned:**
 - Declared Qualified To Serve On The New Jersey Supreme Court By The New Jersey Bar Association.
 - Declared Qualified To Serve On The New Jersey Supreme Court By The Judicial Advisory Panel.
 - Served As Counsel At Prominent Firms Greenberg, Traurig And Riker, Danzig For 20 Years.
 - Selected Among "The Best Lawyers in America" In 2012.
 - Named A "Super Lawyer" 2005, 2006 & 2007.
 - Listed Among *Chambers & Partners USA Guide* Rankings Of The Best Business Lawyers And Law Firms In The World In 2011.
 - Has Handled Over \$8 Billion In Transactions As Legal Counsel.
- **Bruce Harris Has Almost 40 Years Of Combined Legal, Business And Political Experience:**
 - Harris Has 20 Years Of Business Experience Serving As A Manager At AT&T And The New England Telephone Co.
 - Harris Has Served On The Chatham Borough Council For Eight Years, And Has Served As Mayor Since January.
- **Bruce Harris Would Join The Court With A More Extensive Educational Resume Than Any Sitting Justice:**
 - Received A JD From Yale University
 - Received An MBA From Boston University
 - Graduated Amherst College, Magna Cum Laude

Meanwhile Nicholas Scutari And Senate Democrats Question Harris' "Ability To Analyze Legal Arguments":

- **"Democrats Have Questioned [Bruce Harris's] Ability To Analyze Legal Arguments And Write An Opinion As An Associate Justice."** (MaryAnn Spoto, "Gov. Christie's N.J. Supreme Court nominee will not clear Senate Judiciary Committee, sources say," [The Star-Ledger](#), 5/22/12)
- **Sen. Nicholas Scutari (D-Union): "I don't think it's going to be an extremely long hearing because there's just not a lot of experience to question him on."** (MaryAnn Spoto, "Gov. Christie's N.J. Supreme Court nominee will not clear Senate Judiciary Committee, sources say," [The Star-Ledger](#), 5/22/12)
 - **Scutari: "If I were a betting man, I wouldn't bet on him ..."** (Zach Patberg, "High Court Pick Has 'His Work Cut Out For Him,'" [The Record](#), 5/24/12)
- **State Sen. Ron Rice (D-Essex): "Diversity is a wonderful thing, but you also want some quality with it when it comes to those positions..."** (MaryAnn Spoto, "Gov. Christie's N.J. Supreme Court nominee will not clear Senate Judiciary Committee, sources say," [The Star-Ledger](#), 5/22/12)