

# Alliance Defending Freedom: Statement on confirmation of Neil Gorsuch to U.S. Supreme Court

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[The following quote](#) may be attributed to **Alliance Defending Freedom President, CEO, and General Counsel Michael Farris** regarding Friday's Senate confirmation of Judge Neil M. Gorsuch as the newest member of the U.S. Supreme Court:

"ADF congratulates Neil Gorsuch, who will be the newest member of the high court and a natural successor to Justice Scalia. His confirmation should surprise no one given the high praise he has received from people across the ideological spectrum. The American Bar Association gave him its highest rating, and his integrity, professional competence, and judicial demeanor have earned him respect from all quarters. ADF hopes that he will continue to interpret the Constitution as our founders intended and affirm our most fundamental freedom—religious liberty, which includes the right not to be discriminated against because of one's religion. This basic principle will be at stake right away on April 19 when the Supreme Court hears oral arguments in [Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia v. Comer.](#)"

Gorsuch will fill the position previously held by Justice Antonin Scalia, who died on Feb. 13, 2016. This is the second time that the Senate has voted to confirm the Coloradan for federal judicial service. In 2006, by a unanimous voice vote, the Senate confirmed him to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit.

[Extended commentary](#) by Farris and ADF Senior Counsel Jim Campbell regarding Gorsuch is available on the [ADF blog](#).

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