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1. **Totenberg, Nina, and Anita Miller. *The Complete Transcripts of the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill Hearings: October 11, 12, 13, 1991*. Academy Chicago Publishers, 1994.**

In her introduction to these transcripts, National Public Radio reporter Nina Totenberg notes that "the story was not just Anita Hill and Clarence Thomas, but the story of the Judiciary Committee and how it did its job." Totenberg was the first to interview Hill regarding her claims of sexual harassment by then-Supreme Court nominee Thomas. For those who ponder the question, "Why would Hill lie?" this book fails to give an answer. However, it does reveal in its entirety the rudeness and incivilities visited upon Hill by Senators Alan Simpson and Arlen Specter and the neglectful questioning of Thomas by Democratic senators. Also included is the telephone interview of Angela Wright (Thomas's director of public affairs at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) by counsel for the Judiciary Committee. Wright testified that she underwent the same type of sexual harassment that Hill allegedly experienced from Thomas. This book is a hard pill to swallow for those who would like to believe that Thomas, a sitting Supreme Court justice, is indeed honorable. Recommended for all libraries. [See also John Danforth's *Resurrection: The Confirmation of Clarence Thomas*, reviewed below.-Ed.]-Paula N. Arnold, Vermont Coll. Lib., Montpelie. (Paula N. Arnold, Reed Business Information, Inc.)

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2. **Totenberg, Nina. "O'Connor Decries Republican Attacks on Courts." *Morning Edition*. National Public Radio: March 10, 2006.**

From "Most Emailed Stories by Nina Totenberg" in National Public Radio's Legal Affairs online section. Newly retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor took on conservative Republican critics of the courts in a speech Thursday. She told an audience at Georgetown University that Republican proposals, and their sometimes uncivil tone, pose a danger to the independence of the judiciary, and the freedoms of all Americans. (NPR.)

For more information: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5255712>.

3. **Totenberg, Nina. "Law Professor Beats the Odds in Detainee Case." *Morning Edition*. National Public Radio: September 5, 2006.**

From "Most Emailed Stories by Nina Totenberg" in National Public Radio's Legal Affairs online section. One man has taken on President Bush's handling of detainees and won. Neal Katyal won the historic case of Hamdan v. Rumsfeld at the Supreme Court. Katyal argued that the court should intervene in the military tribunals set up by the president to try accused war criminals at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (NPR.)

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4. **Totenberg, Nina. "Hamdan v. Rumsfeld': Path to a Landmark Ruling." *All Things Considered*. National Public Radio: September 5, 2006.**

From "Most Emailed Stories by Nina Totenberg" in National Public Radio's Legal Affairs online section. Totenberg reports in detail on the landmark case of Hamdan vs. Rumsfeld. It all began in 2003 when a handful of detainees at Guantanamo were designated for possible prosecution as war criminals. They were to be the first of what the Bush administration anticipated would be a continuing series of prosecutions. If convicted, the defendants could be subject to the death penalty. Although no formal charges were brought immediately, the first group of six was, upon designation, moved into isolation -- what in a regular prison would be called solitary confinement. It all came to a close on June 29 with Katyal and Swift in the courtroom, when the Supreme Court sided with the defense on almost every point. It was a stunning rebuke to the president. But Katyal doesn't see it that way. He commends both the military and the administration for letting him and Swift do their jobs. "In some other country," Katyal observes, "we might have been shot." Totenberg explains the progress and details of this significant case. (NPR)

For more information: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5751355>.

5. **Schwartz, Herman. *Right Wing Justice: The Conservative Campaign to Take Over the Courts*. Nation Books, 2004.**

A fact-filled volume that attempts to cast aspersions on the conservative movement's perceived attempt to "pack" America's federal court system with ideologically "pure" right-wing justices. Schwartz is the author of *Packing the Court* (1988) and *The Struggle for Constitutional Justice in Post-Communist Europe* (2002). After an informative summary of the history of America's courts from 1787 to 1980, which demonstrates that a "powerful politically shaped and oriented judiciary is nothing new," Schwartz analyzes Reagan's judicial strategy (a systematic ideological screening system); Bush One's brief tenure (which left federal judgeships seated by 80 percent Republicans); the eight-year Clinton Democratic "inter-regnum" (an unfortunate time, from Schwartz's point of view, since Clinton did not consider judicial nominations to be an important political tool); and, finally, Bush Two (whose judicial legal advisors' mantra was "no more Souters," meaning no more conservatives who turn liberal). Schwartz's description of the obstructionist goings-on in Congress is meant to buttress his argument but has the unwitting result of demonstrating the disruptive political machinations on both sides of the aisle. Nevertheless, an invaluable account for students of government. (Allen Weakland, American Library Association.)

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