



**Biographical Information on Shalom D. Stone,
Nominee for U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.**

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Shalom D. Stone, 44, was an associate at the New Jersey firm of Walder, Hayden & Brogan, P.A., before becoming partner in 2000.¹ While Stone does not have any prior government experience, according to the White House, he “has litigated in state and federal trial and appellate courts in a wide variety of criminal and civil cases.”² Stone graduated from New York University School of Law in 1987, where he was a teaching assistant in legal writing and civil procedure.³ Stone graduated magna cum laude from Yeshiva College in 1984, and is an active member of his synagogue.⁴

Mr. Stone specializes in business litigation, including contracts, real estate, securities and insurance, as well as criminal defense work and appeals.⁵ Stone is the former Chair of the Federal Practice and Procedure Section of the New Jersey Bar Association (2002-2004) and a former member of the Lawyers’ Advisory Committee of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey (2003-2004).⁶

¹ The White House, *Shalom David Stone, Nominee to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit*, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/judicialnominees/stone.html>.

² *Id.*

³ Walder, Hayden & Brogan, P.A., *Shalom D. Stone*, at <http://whbesqs.com/stone.html>.

⁴ The White House, *supra* note 1.

⁵ Walder, Hayden & Brogan, *supra* note 3.

⁶ *Id.*

Stone co-authored a 1998 American Bar Association publication entitled *The Scope of Discovery in the Federal Courts*.⁷ He has also published articles in *New Jersey Lawyer* and the *Insurance Litigation Report*.⁸

Mr. Stone has volunteered to represent indigent defendants.⁹ He is also a member of the Nature Conservancy, an organization dedicated to protecting the environment through land purchases.¹⁰

Stone is nominated to fill the vacancy left after Samuel Alito joined the Supreme Court of the United States.¹¹ President Bush did not consult with New Jersey Democratic Senators Frank Lautenberg or Robert Menendez before withdrawing a previous nomination and then nominating Stone.¹² Senator Menendez's office said, "the sudden manner in which the previous consensus nominee . . . was withdrawn and the uncooperative unilateral manner in which this nomination was made[,] certainly raises serious concerns."¹³ Dan Katz, Senator Lautenberg's chief of staff, said "we are skeptical that this is a good-faith effort to pick a judge for New Jersey," because the president did not consult the Senators.¹⁴ Senator Lautenberg has criticized President Bush for "break[ing] from our cooperative approach. . . and veer[ing] toward a partisan political exercise."¹⁵

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ The White House, *supra* note 1

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ Robert Cohen, *Bush Sidesteps N.J. Senators, Nominates Federal Judge*, Star-Ledger Washington Bureau, July 18, 2007, at <http://www.nj.com/starledger/stories/index.ssf?/base/news-11/118473415194000.xml&coll=1>.

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ *Id.*