

On March 16, 2016, President Obama announced the nomination of Chief Judge Merrick Garland of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States created by the sudden death of Justice Antonin Scalia. At this time, the Republican leadership in the United States Senate has indicated that no hearings will be scheduled in the Judiciary Committee to consider his nomination. President Obama has expressed a desire to have the Judiciary Committee schedule hearings and for the full Senate to vote to confirm Chief Judge Garland before the start of its October Term 2016.

The Native American Rights Fund has prepared the [attached memorandum](#) summarizing Chief Judge Garland's background as well as the five "Indian law" opinions that he wrote or participated in during his tenure on the D.C. Circuit. Please feel free to distribute this information, in whole or part, to other tribal leaders, attorneys or law professors. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or additional information regarding this important nomination.

Thank you,

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