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## Notable & Quotable: Gorsuch and Gorsuch

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The Administrator of the EPA who resigned was Anne Gorsuch Burford. Neil’s mother. Indeed, according to Anne’s biography, her young son understood the idea of the unitary executive, implicitly:

“When his mother resigned in March of 1983, an upset young Gorsuch told his mother she ‘never should have resigned,’ his mother wrote in a memoir. “ ‘You didn’t do anything wrong,’ Anne Burford quoted her son as telling her. ‘You only did what the president ordered. Why are you quitting? You raised me not to be a quitter.’ ” . . .

[Neil] Gorsuch has made waves by stating that he would be willing to reconsider *Chevron* deference. Of course, *Chevron* arises from the famous case of *Chevron v. NRDC*. . . .

But what was the case called in the D.C. Circuit? *NRDC v. Gorsuch* (1982). Yes—Neil’s mom! By the time the case was appealed up to the Supreme Court, [Anne] Gorsuch had already resigned.

Had Gorsuch still been at the agency, . . . the case would have been *Gorsuch v. NRDC*. We would have the *Gorsuch* deference. Imagine if Justice Gorsuch overruled the Gorsuch doctrine?

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