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## **Witness List for Sotomayor Has a Couple of Surprises**

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The Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday issued a list of the witnesses lined up to testify at the confirmation hearings for Judge [Sonia Sotomayor](#), which begin Monday.

The witnesses include a few surprises. [David Cone](#), the former major-league pitcher, presumably will echo [President Obama](#)'s claim that Judge Sotomayor, then a federal district court judge in Manhattan, saved baseball when she ended the 1995 strike. And the Republicans have lined up [Frank Ricci](#) himself, the firefighter from New Haven, Conn., who just won a discrimination case in the [Supreme Court](#), when it overturned a ruling by a panel of judges that included Judge Sotomayor.

For the Democratic majority in the Senate in support of Judge Sotomayor's confirmation, the other witnesses are:

Mayor [Michael R. Bloomberg](#) of New York; Chuck Canterbury, national president of the Fraternal Order of Police; JoAnne A. Epps, dean of the Beasley School of Law at [Temple University](#), on behalf of the National Association of Women Lawyers; [Louis J. Freeh](#), former director of the [F.B.I.](#); [Michael J. Garcia](#), a former United States attorney in New York; Wade Henderson, president of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, a national coalition of advocacy groups; Patricia M. Hynes, president of the New York City Bar Association; Attorney General Dustin McDaniel of Arkansas; [Robert M. Morgenthau](#), the district attorney in Manhattan and Ms. Sotomayor's former boss; Ramona E. Romero, president of the Hispanic National Bar Association; Representative Jose E. Serrano of New York; Theodore M. Shaw, a law professor at Columbia; Kate Stith, a law professor at Yale; and Representative [Nydia M. Velázquez](#) of New York, chairwoman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

For the Republicans, the scheduled witnesses are:

[Linda Chavez](#), president of the Center for Equal Opportunity; Sandra S. Froman, a former president of the [National Rifle Association](#); Stephen P. Halbrook, a lawyer and gun rights advocate; Tim Jeffries, the founder of P7 Enterprises, a management consulting firm; Peter N. Kirsanow, a commissioner on the United States Commission on Civil Rights; David Kopel, a lawyer with the Independence Institute; John O. McGinnis, a law professor at Northwestern; Neomi Rao, a law professor at George Mason University; David Rivkin, an associate White House counsel in the Bush-Quayle administration and a partner at the law firm Baker Hostetler; Nick Rosenkranz, a law professor at Georgetown; Ilya Somin, a law professor at George Mason; Lt. Ben Vargas of the New Haven Fire Department; and Charmaine Yoest, Americans United for Life, an anti-abortion group.

Scheduled to testify on behalf of the [American Bar Association](#), whose judiciary panel this week rated Judge Sotomayor as “well qualified” — its highest ranking — are Kim J. Askew, chairwoman of the standing committee, and Mary Boies, primary reviewer.

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