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**Roger Pilon**, Vice President for Legal Affairs, Cato Institute:

**Frank Ricci, watch your back.** Still not finished with its unrelenting, vicious attacks on Sara Palin and her family, the left is now going after Frank Ricci, the New Haven firefighter we've just learned will be testifying at next week's Sotomayor hearings.

We read **this morning** that "On Friday, citing in an e-mail 'Frank Ricci's troubled and litigious work history,' the liberal advocacy group People for the American Way drew reporters' attention to Ricci's past. Other advocates for Sotomayor have discreetly urged journalists to pursue similar story lines."

Are there no limits to the politics of personal destruction? Even Justice Ginsburg, in dissent, could write: "The white firefighters who scored high on New Haven's promotional exams understandably attract this Court's sympathy." (She said "empathy" when she spoke from the bench.) And if anyone deserves our sympathy, it's Frank Ricci. If this attack is "the American Way," God help us.

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