

Racism rejected: SCOTUS reverses Sotomayor in firefighters case

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President Obama applauds the decision as a victory for equality under the law. Not.

Just in...

The Supreme Court has ruled that white firefighters in New Haven, Conn., were unfairly denied promotions because of their race, reversing a decision that high court nominee Sonia Sotomayor endorsed as an appeals court judge.

SCOTUS Blog background [here](#). More background [here](#) and [here](#).

Tom Goldstein: “Ricci result: Kennedy finds a violation of Title VII. An outright reversal 5-4...the plaintiff firefighters won. New Haven violated the law by throwing out the test.”

Sotomayor = Not so wise now.

The Ricci opinion is now available [here](#).

At Cato, [Roger Pilon](#) and [Ilya Shapiro](#) weigh in.

And Wendy Long at the Judicial Confirmation Network responds to the decision:

Judicial Confirmation Network: NOT EVEN ONE JUSTICE APPROVED SOTOMAYER IN RICCI CASE

“Frank Ricci finally got his day in court, despite the judging of Sonia Sotomayor, which all nine Justices of U.S. Supreme Court have now confirmed was in error.

“Usually, poor performance in any profession is not rewarded with the highest job offer in the entire profession.

“What Judge Sotomayor did in Ricci was the equivalent of a pilot error resulting in a bad plane crash. And now the pilot is being offered to fly Air Force One.

“The firefighters in New Haven who protect the public safety and worked hard for their promotions did not deserve to become victims of racial quotas, and the Supreme Court has now confirmed that they did not deserve to have their claims buried and thrown out by Judge Sotomayor.”

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