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Friday round-up

[Continued Prop 8 coverage, Kennedy’s “modestly libertarian” jurisprudence, and noteworthy advocates in *Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*](#)

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The Washington Post [measures reactions](#) to the Court’s opinion staying the plan to broadcast coverage of the Prop 8 trial, which “is being scoured by legal analysts and activities for deeper meaning.”

Justice Kennedy receives attention on the Cato Institute’s blog, where Ilya Shapiro [discusses](#) Helen Knowles’s book *The Tie Goes to Freedom: Justice Anthony M. Kennedy on Liberty*. Knowles posits that Kennedy, whom many perceive to be a “swing vote,” has a “modestly libertarian” jurisprudence. Shapiro, who [reviews](#) the book in the most recent issue of the *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, concurs in part: he suggests that Kennedy’s libertarianism is limited to only a few areas of the law, such as free speech, equal protection, and individual liberty.

The Blog of Legal Times has a [post](#) on the star power of the advocates in *Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*, in which the Court will consider whether a public university may deny funding to an organization, in this case a Christian group, which requires that its officers agree with the groups’ religious viewpoint. Michael McConnell, a former federal appellate judge, will represent the Christian Legal Society, while former Solicitor General Gregory Garre will represent Hastings.

Finally, Rick Hasen at the Election Law Blog [comments](#) on *Doe v. Reed*, a case on SCOTUSblog’s “Petitions to Watch” list. Hasen points out that the Court has already demonstrated an awareness of the case, imposing a stay pending a decision on the cert. request. Further, he observes, the case presents issues similar to those presented by *Citizens United v. FEC* and *Perry v. Schwarzenegger*.

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