

# DAY FOUR — THE WELL-QUALIFIED K. B. J.

*[NB: check the byline, thanks. Update(s) if any will appear at the bottom of this post. /~Rayne]*

It's the fourth and final day of U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's confirmation hearings on the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court. Today's hearing is in progress.

Today's hearing consists of three remaining panels (Judge Jackson was Panel I):

## **Panel II**

The Honorable Ann Claire Williams  
American Bar Association  
Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary

Ms. D. Jean Veta  
American Bar Association  
Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary

Mr. Joseph M. Drayton  
American Bar Association  
Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary

## **Panel III Majority**

The Honorable Joyce Beatty  
United States House of Representatives  
State of Ohio – 3rd District

Ms. Risa Goluboff  
Dean, Arnold H. Leon Professor of Law, and  
Professor of History  
University of Virginia

Mr. Wade Henderson  
President & CEO  
The Leadership Conference on Civil and  
Human Rights

Mr. Richard B. Rosenthal  
Captain Frederick Thomas  
National President  
National Organization of Black Law

Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)

**Panel III Minority**

The Honorable Steve Marshall  
Attorney General  
State of Alabama

Ms. Jennifer Mascott  
Assistant Professor of Law & Co-Executive  
Director  
The C. Boyden Gray Center for the Study of  
the Administrative State, Antonin Scalia  
Law School, George Mason University

Ms. Eleanor McCullen  
Anti-abortion activist

Ms. Keisha Russell  
First Liberty

Ms. Alessandra Serano  
Operation Underground Railroad

From the looks of the last three panelists, the  
GOP senators are continuing to play to the base  
by hammering Judge Jackson on abortion,  
religious freedom in public schools, and human  
trafficking. The last will likely fit with the  
crap Sen. Josh Hawley et al already tattooed  
about child pornography.

The GOP will want to leave that shitty taste of  
zealotry and bigotry in the audience's mouths as  
the hearings end. In other words, on brand for  
the GOP.

You can watch live feed at these sites (not the  
same links as yesterday's as the previous links  
may lead to recordings previous days' hearings):

Senate Judiciary Committee hearing feed

PBS Senate Judiciary Committee hearing feed  
on YouTube

C-SPAN feed via YouTube

You can also catch the hearings through these  
live Twitter threads:

Rewire News Group

Chris Geidner at Grid News

If you know of anyone else covering today's hearing in Twitter, please leave a comment below. Thanks!

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Apparently these hearings weren't really to determine a nominee's qualifications for a lifetime appointment to SCOTUS or to ensure the public was informed. No, apparently the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings have been little more than social media opportunities, which Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE) called out.

Ben Sasse moments after Ted Cruz throws a performative tantrum that was tailor-made for Hannity: "I think we should recognize that the jackassery we often see around here is partly because of people mugging for short-term camera opportunities."

[pic.twitter.com/3YqBgrrXNR](https://pic.twitter.com/3YqBgrrXNR)

— Aaron Rupar (@atrupar) March 23, 2022

Sasse also expressed his concern about cameras in the court room, that "cameras change human behavior," and yet the difference between the video above by C-SPAN versus this by CBS News below tells us cameras tell us things audio and written reporting don't offer.

Sen. Sasse (R-NE) says he believes it should be up to the Supreme Court to decide if cameras are allowed in the courtroom, adding:

"I think we should recognize the jackassery we often see around here is partly because of people mugging for short-term camera opportunities."

[pic.twitter.com/BxXaw1UX4D](https://pic.twitter.com/BxXaw1UX4D)

— CBS News (@CBSNews) March 23, 2022

Or this photo by Los Angeles Times' Kent Nishimura:

Can confirm this. He was searching twitter for his name, this was right after his exchange with Chairman Durbin.  
<https://t.co/pd7W6SHVPV>  
[pic.twitter.com/AKXoe4CYKK](https://pic.twitter.com/AKXoe4CYKK)

— Kent Nishimura (🇺🇸🇺🇸) (@kentnish)  
March 23, 2022

If you have a Twitter account, every once in a while for grins and giggles you should drop Sen. Ted Cruz (Senate account: @sentedcruz, personal account: @tedcruz) a tweet and let him know what you thought of his performance as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, wholly visible on all sorts of cameras.

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There may be more to come, watch this space for updates.