



Press Statement
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Religious Liberty Expert Kelly Shackelford Statement on Supreme Court Nominee

Washington, DC—President Donald Trump tonight nominated Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court to replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy. The following statement in response to the appointment may be attributed to Kelly Shackelford, President, CEO and General Counsel for First Liberty Institute:

“As a group dedicated to defending religious freedoms, we are thrilled to have a Supreme Court nominee who has such a solid history and commitment to protecting the religious freedoms and First Amendment rights of our citizens. Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated in his time on the bench a deep respect for the proper role of the judiciary. His opinions have consistently adhered to our founding principles that government exists to protect the God-given rights of the people and the Constitution exists to prevent government from infringing on those rights.”

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About First Liberty Institute

[First Liberty Institute](http://www.firstliberty.org) is the largest legal organization in the nation dedicated exclusively to defending religious freedom for all Americans.

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