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*Celebrating the beginning of a new term
of the United States Supreme Court*

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In honor of First Monday, we're highlighting a few of the many U.S. Supreme Court resources that are available online.

- ◆ The Cornell Legal Information Institute's *Supreme Court Bulletin*, which previews and summarizes cases before the Court, can be found at <http://topics.law.cornell.edu/supct/cert>. To have the bulletin e-mailed to you, follow the instructions at <http://ruckus.law.cornell.edu/mailman/listinfo/liibulletin>.
- ◆ HeinOnline's U.S. Supreme Court Library is one of the collections available through the law school's subscription. Contents include PDF versions of official decisions, treatises and books on the Court, and journals such as *Supreme Court Review* and *Supreme Court Economic Review*.
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- ◆ In March 2010 the Supreme Court launched its redesigned Web site: <http://www.supremecourt.gov>. Improvements in the new version include a more logical design, availability of recent Court decisions from the homepage, a case citation finder, enhanced search and navigation capability, and an interactive Court calendar that shows what cases are scheduled for argument.

Test your SCOTUS knowledge with our traditional

FIRST MONDAY QUIZ

Adapted from CNN.com, June 30, 2010

- 1 Choose the current justice who said, "I don't assess the nation's mood, I assess my own, and I'm feeling good." He also said, "I'm not driven. I enjoy what I'm doing and as soon as I no longer enjoy it, I'm outta there."
 - A. John Roberts
 - B. John Paul Stevens
 - C. Antonin Scalia
 - D. Samuel Alito
- 2 The constitutional precedent known as the "Lemon Test" refers to what area of jurisprudence?
 - A. Establishing legal standards in the relationship between church and state
 - B. Basis for transferring a capital punishment appeal from state to federal court
 - C. Trade quotas involving foreign imports of perishable food
 - D. Right of states to enforce gun control laws
- 3 Which current or past justice was born a Baptist, converted to Catholicism, became an Episcopalian as an adult, and is now a practicing Catholic again? This justice also once considered entering the Catholic priesthood.
 - A. Anthony Kennedy
 - B. William Brennan
 - C. William Rehnquist
 - D. Clarence Thomas
- 4 Whose spouse is a British-born clinical psychologist who has done pioneering work helping adolescents?
 - A. Ruth Bader Ginsberg
 - B. Stephen Breyer
 - C. Sonia Sotomayor
 - D. John Roberts

5 Which justice's childhood dream was to be an opera singer?

- A. Sonia Sotomayor
- B. Antonin Scalia
- C. Elena Kagan
- D. Ruth Bader Ginsburg

6 What animal adorned in bronze has been placed on lampposts around the Supreme Court building?

- A. Turtle
- B. Lion
- C. Bald eagle
- D. American bison

7 Justice John Paul Stevens retired from the Court in 2010, after serving nearly 35 years. He stepped down one day after the Court finished its business for the summer, thus tying former justice Stephen Field for the second-longest tenure. Who holds the all-time record?

- A. Roger Taney
- B. William Douglas
- C. John Marshall
- D. Byron White

8 Who was the first Jewish justice?

- A. Abe Fortas
- B. Louis Brandeis
- C. Felix Frankfurter
- D. Benjamin Cardozo

9 Which justice had previously argued 39 cases as a government and private attorney before the Supreme Court, believed to be the most of any current or former member?

- A. Ruth Bader Ginsberg
- B. Robert Jackson
- C. Elena Kagan
- D. John Roberts

10 Which current justice has experience as a criminal prosecutor?

- A. Sonia Sotomayor
- B. Samuel Alito
- C. Anthony Kennedy
- D. John Roberts

Answers:

- 10. A
- 9. D
- 8. B
- 7. B
- 6. A
- 5. D
- 4. B
- 3. D
- 2. A
- 1. C