

# Memorandum



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the Attorney General

There follows brief descriptions of three of my peers who I think would be ideal players on this Administration's team, either as special assistants or perhaps, in some cases, Deputy Assistant Attorneys General or the equivalent. These are simply three individuals who immediately came to mind after you requested such a list; I will have other names in the future.

### Dean C. Colson

Dean Colson was a co-clerk of mine with Justice Rehnquist. He is several years older, however, having practiced between the Supreme Court and his Court of Appeals clerkship with Judge Peter Fay of the Fifth Circuit. Dean is a Miami native who attended Princeton University and then, mostly because of political aspirations, returned to Miami to attend Miami Law School. He was a great success at the Law School, catching the eye of the Chicago-style conservative Dean Soia Mentschikoff. After graduation he went to clerk for Judge Fay in Miami, and was a contemporary of Chuck Cooper's on the Fifth Circuit. After his clerkship with Fay he went to work in Miami's largest firm, Steele, Hector and Davis. He met Justice Rehnquist during a visit by the Justice to Miami Law School, however, and applied for and readily won a clerkship. Dean has since returned to Miami to practice in his father's small litigation firm.

In his heart Dean is a Bush Republican. He has developed a fairly strong political base in Miami, at least in legal circles, through the Miami Law School, Judge Fay, and his father, who is one of the leading personal injury attorneys in the South. Dean has relatively broad litigation experience for someone nearing 30. He is extremely well-regarded by both Judge Fay and Justice Rehnquist, and combines intellectual power with a pleasant political style, making him well-suited for dealing with entrenched bureaucrats of opposing views.

No description of Dean would be complete without noting that, during his college days, he was a world-class tennis player, even participating at Wimbledon. While in D.C. he parlayed his

talent into additional political connections, playing several games with the likes of Haig, Laxalt, and Bush.

Steve Galebach

Steve was a classmate of mine at Harvard Law School. A native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Steve showed his bedrock conservatism and strength of character by participating in ROTC as he attended Yale in the early '70's. After the struggle which that entailed, he relaxed by serving with the Marines in Viet Nam. After his tour of duty he returned to attend Harvard Law School. He finished his law school career near the top of his class, doing excellent work on the Law Review. He distinguished himself both in class and on the Law Review as an articulate spokesman for strongly conservative views, which he was not afraid to express openly despite the hostility of 90% of his audience. After law school he clerked for Judge Wilkey, and from there went to Covington and Burling.

Steve has gained considerable notoriety for his "pro bono" work at Covington and Burling, which involved researching and drafting the Human Life Bill for Senator East. That activity has made him a public figure of sorts, with appearances on "Firing Line" and debates with the likes of Larry Tribe on "Good Morning America". He is, in short, an experienced exponent of conservative views with considerable debating experience.

On the personal side, Steve is a deeply religious Protestant and although this accounts for much of his interest in politics, I do not think it unduly interferes with his professional product. I believe he had something to do with the Department of Justice Transition Team. Steve would be ideally suited for a political role facing a hostile bureaucracy or constituency -- essentially the position he was in at Yale, Harvard Law School, and now in Covington. The prominence he has acquired in connection with the Human Life Bill, however, may represent a drawback.

William Kayatta

Another classmate and Law Review cohort of mine, Bill is a native of Portland, Maine. He attended Amherst College before law school. At Harvard Law School he worked for Professor Phil Areeda on his Antitrust Treatise, and Areeda developed a high regard for his abilities. Bill rendered service on the Law Review far beyond his responsibilities, and I suspect he would bring the same dedication to any position he would have at the Justice Department. His most notable talent is his ability to quickly digest large amounts of information. After law school he went to work for Judge Coffin on the First Circuit, primarily because of his desire to return to Portland. Like Dean Colson, Bill is interested in developing a political base in his hometown.