

CWA's Amos Project Wins With Chief Justice Roberts

*"But let justice run down like water,
and righteousness like
a mighty stream."*

- Amos 5:24

By CWA Staff

"Judges and justices are servants of the law, not the other way around. Judges are like umpires. Umpires don't make the rules; they apply them."

Supreme Court nominee John Roberts spoke those simple, powerful words on the opening day of his Senate confirmation hearings. Given his conservative judicial philosophy, and his outstanding credentials as a Supreme Court law clerk, civil servant, lawyer and federal judge, Concerned Women for America (CWA) supported him as President Bush's nominee for Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Thanks to CWA members' involvement and gifts through the Amos Project, CWA played a vital part in the confirmation battle for the Chief Justice.

Our role began months before the hearing. CWA staff members were leaders in the multiple conference calls and meet-

ings, which focused on the upcoming strategy, in Washington, D.C.

When the week of the hearing arrived, CWA, pro-Roberts allies and volunteers produced effective and energized events to support Judge Roberts. Every morning, CWA's Director of Government Relations Lanier Swann was a key person "staffing" volunteer headquarters on Capitol Hill. CWA staff often joined her to welcome volunteers, distribute T-shirts, stickers, pens, signs and even water bottles that carried messages in Roberts' support.

They briefed the volunteers on the day's schedule, equipped them to lobby in the halls of the Senate, and offered encouragement and thanks.

Lanier and Wendy Wright, executive vice president, also spent time at the actual hearing. They and CWA Chief Counsel Jan LaRue juggled numerous media interviews on the judicial issue. In fact, millions of Americans have seen Jan LaRue, Wendy Wright, Lanier Swann and Dr. Janice Crouse on national television repeatedly since July 8.

In addition, CWA participated in press



Above: CWA's Director of Government Relations Lanier Swann (left) and Executive Vice President Wendy Wright attended the judicial oath ceremony for Chief Justice John Roberts at the White House.



Left: Chief Justice Roberts gave remarks following the judicial oath, with his wife and President Bush looking on.

conferences and joined in a counter-protest against pro-abortion groups such as the National Organization for Women (NOW). Other constituents showed their support for Roberts and their opposition to *Roe v. Wade* by standing outside the Hart Senate Office Building with empty strollers, which signified the millions of unborn children victimized by abortion.

“Each day offered a new burst of enthusiasm through the faces of our volunteers. It was such a joy to welcome CWA members, such as CWA of Florida State Director Jane Carron and team, and

CWA of Maryland members,” said Lanier Swann. “CWA citizen lobbyists worked side-by-side with men and women from all over the DC-metro area and beyond. The excitement they brought to our efforts was priceless and motivating.” ■

CWA thanks the thousands of donors who offered their monetary and prayerful support of our efforts. Your generosity through the Amos Project made possible our ability to contribute to Chief Justice Roberts' successful confirmation.