

Supreme Court Justice
Appointment
Press Conference
Thursday, March 9, 2000
10:00 a.m.

*Stand up straight and be charismatic. (At the end of the announcement, you may get some questions about the chain reaction that this appointment will cause.)

Suggested Talking Points

- Good morning and welcome.
- In a few moments I will announce to you my appointment to the Mississippi Supreme Court, but I would like to first give a special welcome to the Supreme Court Justices, Appellate Court Justices and others who have joined us for this morning's announcement.
- I am pleased today to announce my appointment of the Honorable Oliver E. Diaz, Jr. to the Mississippi Supreme Court.
- I would like to tell you a few things about Justice Diaz and also thank his wife Jennifer and the rest of his family for being here with Oliver today.
- Justice Diaz received his bachelor's degree from the University of South Alabama and his law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law.
- He was elected to the Court of Appeals in 1994 for a term that was scheduled to end in 2003.

- Justice Diaz has also served in the Mississippi House of Representatives from District 116 representing the people of Biloxi and D'Iberville.
- He will bring experience, honesty and integrity with him into this position and I have great faith in his ability.
- Ask Justice Diaz to say a few words.
- Thank everyone and dismiss.