

POWERLINE BLOG LEADS SJC'S REPUBLICANS TROLLING THROUGH PARKS, PUBLIC- ASSISTANCE AGENCIES, AND LIQUOR STORES

Why do the Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee give treat Powerilne Blog as more credible than Republican Governors Charlie Crist and Tim Pawlenty?

THE RULE OF LAW: EXCISING THE LOCAL NEOCON ROT

The FDL family has had a profound positive impact on the federal scene on issues surrounding the rule of law. We are all hurt when justice is politicized, even at the state and local level. One of the worst imaginable of these situations is in Maricopa County Arizona, and Tim Nelson is in a battle to turn the tide and restore the fair and equal rule of law. tim Nelson needs your help to win the war.

SARAH PALIN'S EVOLVING EXCUSES FOR

FIRING WALT MONEGAN

More and more, the McPalin campaign's attempts to cover-up the Monegan firing remind me of the US Attorney purge.

WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO LIE

After a long period of fighting it, Kwame Kilpatrick is finally accepting his due for having lied to cover up an affair. Would that the Bushies—starting with Scooter Libby—had to pay the same kind of cost.

HJC TESTIMONY: MICHAEL MUKASEY

Mukasey chats with HJC.

CARETAKER FOR THE REGIME

Thus far, Michael Mukasey has served as an effective caretaker for Bush's regime of secrets and scandals. But all that may change, as Mukasey gets himself deeper and deeper into the cover-ups.

MUKASEY TO SJC: INVESTIGATION OF ROVE'S INVOLVEMENT IN SIEGELMAN SHOULD TAKE PLACE ... SOMEWHERE ELSE

As of now, someone—either at the White House or in DOJ—has declined to support executive privilege to prevent Rove's testimony before the House judiciary tomorrow. And, in a hearing before the Senate, the AG suggested there were other avenues to investigate Rove's role in the Siegelman prosecution besides OPR.

Is it possible Mukasey supports an HJC inquiry into the issue? Hard to believe, given the other stuff Mukasey said today, but someone ought to at least ask.

THE MISSING EMAILS AND THE OVP COVERUP

Both the defense and prosecution introduced a bunch of articles referencing the Plame leak—and particularly OVP's role in it—between September 27, 2003 to October 12, 2003. But some are missing—most importantly, a bunch that came out while Libby was in Jackson and Cathie Martin was apparently in DC making statements claiming Libby wasn't involved.

MUKASEY'S TROUBLING HISTORICAL ARGUMENT

Mukasey's defense of John Yoo in his commencement address at Boston College Law School has drawn a lot of attention. But it's the logic behind his defense, and not the defense per se, that really concerns me.

POLITICIZING SHOW TRIALS AT THE SAME TIME AS POLITICIZING DOJ

The entire opinion disqualifying General Thomas Hartmann in Salim Hamdan's show trial is worth reading. But I'm particularly struck by the coincidence of timing. The Bush Administration started focusing on show trials at precisely the same time as it was firing a bunch of US Attorneys for political reasons.