

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA


MICHAEL NEWDOW, et al.,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	Civil Action No. 08-2248 (RBW)
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v.)	
)	
HON. JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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DECLARATION OF JEFFREY P. MINEAR

I am the Counselor to the Chief Justice. See 28 U.S.C.A. § 677. In that role I have the responsibility for coordinating the Chief Justice’s participation in the inauguration of President-Elect Barack Obama on January 20, 2009. Before the commencement of this lawsuit, the Chief Justice instructed me to ascertain from President-Elect Obama’s representatives the President-Elect’s wishes concerning the administration of the oath of office at the inauguration, including his wishes concerning the inclusion of the phrase “So help me God” after the conclusion of the constitutional oath. The Chief Justice instructed me at that time to inform representatives of the President-Elect that he will honor the President-Elect’s wishes on that issue. An authorized representative of the President-Elect has informed me that the President-Elect wishes to conclude the oath with the phrase “So help me God,” and I have so informed the Chief Justice.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: January 8, 2009



 Jeffrey P. Minear