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AAUP Provides Guide to Scholarship about the Court and its Cases

NEW YORK (July 15, 2010) – While the recent Kagan confirmation hearings have been a masterful example of how to not reveal much, scholarship on the United States Supreme Court and the individuals who have donned its robes can tell us quite a bit about what to expect when the second Obama nominee is confirmed to the Court later this summer.

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