

“Scalia’s Quack Opinion.” Editorial. *The Journal News* [Westchester, NY] 20 March 2004. 26 November 2004 <<http://www.thejournalnews.com/newsroom/032004/edscalia.html>>.

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Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia refused to excuse himself from a Supreme Court case that involved Vice President Dick Cheney after the two went on a duck hunting trip together. The case involves the Sierra Club, which is suing to release the names of the participants in a secret energy task force meeting that the Vice President conducted. They wish to learn if the secret meeting involved energy lobbyists.

An editorial on *The Journal News* web site explains that it is unethical for Scalia to have participated in the decision of this case involving Cheney because there is a conflict of interest. The author does not accept Scalia’s assertion that there is no conflict of interest just because he and Cheney allegedly did not speak about the case.

Without a doubt, Scalia should have excused himself from the case. The fact that the two are also longtime friends should have been enough to remove himself from the case. It just goes to show that Republicans will sacrifice ethics in order to unite the branches of government under Republican control.