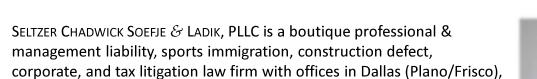
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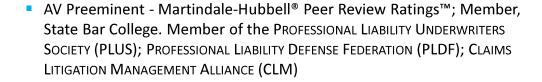


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Legal Interpretation:

Judicial Philosophies

Originalism: All statements in the law must be interpreted based on the understanding at the time it was adopted.

- Justice Clarence Thomas
- Justice Amy Coney Barrett (Antonin Scalia protégé)
- Justice Samuel Alito ("Practical Originalist")



Legal Interpretation:

Judicial Philosophies

Textualism: The interpretation of the law is primarily based on the ordinary meaning of the legal text.

- Justice Neal Gorsuch
- Brett Kavanaugh



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Purposivism: The interpretation of the law is primarily based on the law's purpose.

Justice Stephen Breyer







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