

Reactions To Bartlit Beck's Role In Presidential Election Trial

"We searched the country for the best litigators," Bush attorney Ben Ginsberg said, in explaining why Beck and his law partner, Fred Bartlit, were added to the Bush legal team last week.

Miami Herald, "Bush Attorney Hammers Gore Election Experts," December 3, 2000

"Fred Bartlit and Phil Beck, two of the Bush lawyers, have one of the most innovative law firms in the country ... and they are two of the very very best lawyers in this country."

Arthur Miller on Imus, syndicated radio, December 4, 2000



Fred Bartlit examining Judge Charles Burton, Chairman of Palm Beach Canvassing Board.

Bartlit and Beck share "Lawyers of the Year" honors as members of the "dream team of litigators" in the election contest trial.

National Law Journal, December 20, 2000

"Philip Beck is a red-meat litigator, a trial lawyer who tries big cases for a living. Same for his partner, Fred Bartlit Jr."

"Bush campaign general counsel Ben Ginsberg tapped Bartlit to join Bush's legal team to help with the staggering amount of litigation sprawled over state and federal courts. Beck flew down when they needed reinforcements."

Lynn Sweet, Chicago Sun-Times, December 10, 2000

"Chicago trial attorneys Fred Bartlit Jr. and Philip Beck have gained valuable national exposure for the considerable intellectual and technological firepower they brought to the Florida recount battle on behalf of Texas Gov. George W. Bush...."

Crain's Chicago Business, "Chicago Legal Eagles Swoop into Florida for Bush," December 11, 2000, page 3

"I cannot tell you how many people have told me how awed they were by your performance in Judge Sauls' courtroom."

Letter from Farrel Vogelhut, retired antitrust chief for United Technologies



Phil Beck conferring with David Boies and Judge Sanders Sauls.

“If you had to pick a star out of the roster of lawyers down there in Florida today – and there were many of them – it might have been Phil Beck.”

Brian Williams, MSNBC, December 2, 2000

“Judge Sauls has given wide latitude to Phil Beck, a Chicago lawyer for the Bush team who wanders the courtroom as if it were his own living room and who somehow makes his every mention of ‘the Gore legal team’ sound as if he were referring to the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Hell’s Angels.”

The New York Times, Monday, December 4, 2000, page A18



Phil Beck cross-examining Gore’s statistician, Nicolas Hengartner.

“Watching Phil Beck cross examine is like watching someone carve with an Exacto Knife.”

Arthur Miller on MSNBC, December 2, 2000

“Beck was one of about 40 lawyers in the room.... but Beck was the first among equals on this day. He would set a trap so deliciously nasty it could bring tears to your eyes.”

Rocky Mountain News, “Republican lawyer shreds Democrats’ experts,” December 3, 2000

Beck is, as one reporter put it last week, “the killer cross-examiner” who shredded two witnesses for Vice President Al Gore, prompting a major Gore defeat before a state court judge in a quest to count nearly 13,000 disputed ballots.

Chicago Tribune, “Chicagoan Shows ‘Killer Instincts’ as Bush Lawyer,” December 10, 2000

“[Phil Beck is] Bush’s new star.”

Frank Pellegrini, Time.com, December 8, 2000

“I’m a Democrat, and I must admit – you were great.”

Comment to Phil Beck by Alan Colmes, Hannity and Colmes, Fox Network, December 12, 2000

“This guy’s a killer, just like Phil Beck.”

Dennis Miller on ABC’s Monday Night Football, December 18, 2000

