

# Alabama Supreme Court Justices Recuse Themselves in Roy Moore's Fight to Return to Office

The Alabama Supreme Court will recuse itself from suspended Chief Justice Roy Moore's appeal of his ethics convictions, and defer to a special court to hear the appeal, according to a report by the *Montgomery Advertiser*.

Reporter **Brian Lyman** wrote that a public lottery will be held in the Alabama Supreme Court chambers Thursday afternoon, where the names of seven justices drawn from a pool of retired appellate court, circuit court and district court judges will take place.

Moore was suspended last month for the remainder of his term after he urged state probate judges to defy the federal courts on gay marriage, telling probate judges that a state order to refuse marriage licenses to gay couples remained in "full force and effect." His advice came six months after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled gays and lesbians have a fundamental right to marry.

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