Sen. Jeff Sessions Faces Fight Over Bid to Be Trump's Attorney General

The battle over President-elect Donald Trump's attorney general nominee, Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, is heating up ahead of what promises to be a deeply contested confirmation hearing next year, **reports NBC News**.

"Sessions has a controversial past on issues of race and immigration, including his failed confirmation of a federal judgeship 30 years ago largely because of racially insensitive remarks," writes reporter **Leigh Ann Caldwell**. "In the 1980s, Sessions was considered for a Ronald Reagan-appointed federal district judgeship in Alabama, but was blocked by the Senate after a black former deputy, Thomas Figures, accused him of making racially insensitive statements."

The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled confirmation hearings for Jan. 10-11.

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