

# Senators Angered When Trump Appeals Court Pick Stays Quiet on White House Legal Advice

Senators from both parties criticized a nominee for a federal appeals court for declining to answer questions Wednesday about his work in the Trump White House and Education Department, according to an Associated Press **report**.

Trump has nominated Steven Menashi, an associate White House counsel, to a seat on the New York-based 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Senators from both parties at the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing complained as Menashi refused to answer questions about his work on immigration issues, including a policy to separate migrant children from their families at the U.S.-Mexico border.

"This isn't supposed to be a game," Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., told Menashi.

**Read the AP report.**