Why Scalia?

HE FIRST EDITION OF The Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court of the United States appeared in 1992. The new, enlarged, well-updated, and generally useful second edition came out not long ago. In both editions, the entries are admirably consistent in their substantive depth and dispassion. One small exception concerns the biographical entries for living members and former members of the Court, which have ranged from neutral to worshipful. But now, one exception to the exception. Compare the treatment of Justice Antonin Scalia in the first and second editions of the Oxford Companion. Scalia must have done something between 1992 and 2005 to offend his profiler, Professor Harold J. Spaeth. We welcome your alternative theories.

Kermit Hall, ed., The Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court of the United States 882 (2d ed. 2005); Kermit Hall, ed., The Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court of the United States 756 (1992).

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HE TOP TWO U.S. law reviews – Harvard's and Yale's (see 2006 GREEN BAG ALM. 260) – have started on-line journals. Harvard's is the Forum. Yale's is the Pocket Part. It is early to be passing judgment, but so far the signs are promising. Both journals are posting good work by competent authors and their web sites are attractive and user-friendly. Yale's Pocket Part has the early lead in terms of both content (more of it and more varied) and design (snazzier), but the editors at Harvard know what really counts: On their "About the Forum" page they declare, "We are also working with Lexis and Westlaw to incorporate the Forum into their databases."