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### Justice Clarence Thomas and Some Criticism

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Reading an **article** concerning **Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas**, my interest was piqued in that I had lunch yesterday at a bar function with a lawyer who described his experience in meeting with him as a summer law clerk at a local firm. Many commentators express with seeming disdain that Justice Thomas is not active on the bench during oral argument. To the contrary, my colleague noted how warm and effusive he was in a more intimate setting.

In any event, Justice Thomas spoke to University of Nebraska-Lincoln Law students on September 15, 2011. All reports indicate that, among other things, (1) he criticized the cynicism that prevails in D.C. and certain law schools, and (2) believes that other branches of government are foisting on the court issues that are properly decided by the legislative or executive branches.

In my judgment, fair criticism regardless of you political stripes. Optimism is a far better mantra and we hire our elected politicians to represent us to make the hard decisions regardless of future electability.

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