

## Snapshot

I imagine [Chief Justice John] Roberts as a worker who, on his way out of the factory at 5:05, notices that the building has caught fire.

There's a fire extinguisher right there on the wall — he *could* grab it and spray foam all over the problem, but wait a minute, there's a principle at stake here. It's after five and he's not on the clock.

Union rules are pretty clear that he's not supposed to put in unpaid overtime. If he puts out *this* fire, he sets a precedent; now is he on the hook every time the building catches fire after the whistle blows?

**John Roberts**  
portrayed by Jordan Ellenberg in *Shape*