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Key members of the elite who argue before the high court are (involuntarily) cooling their heels these days

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At Chicago's Mayer, Brown & Platt, the traditional Supreme Court powerhouse, University of Utah law professor Michael McConnell is also in suspended animation, waiting for the Senate to act on his 10th Circuit nomination. Meanwhile, six other Mayer Brown lawyers in search of a piece of the Supreme Court action have set up shop at a new firm -- Robbins, Russell, Englert, Orseck & Untereiner in the Washington, D.C. "We lost a couple of guys we liked a great deal," says Stephen Shapiro, Chicago-based founder and head of Mayer Brown's appellate practice. "But we're working as hard as ever to get the cases."

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