

Opinion of THOMAS, J.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 99–1978

UNITED STATES, PETITIONER *v.* TERRY J. HATTER,
JR., JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA, ET AL.

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF
APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

[May 21, 2001]

JUSTICE THOMAS, concurring in the judgment in part
and dissenting in part.

I believe this Court was correct in *Evans v. Gore*, 253
U. S. 245 (1920), when it held that any tax that reduces a
judge’s net compensation violates Article III of the Consti-
tution. Accordingly, I would affirm the judgment of the
Court of Appeals in its entirety.