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Justice Scalia's daughter pleads guilty to drinking and driving.

Justice Scalia (r) meets U.S. House member Phil Gingrey (l). (From Phil Gingrey's Congressional website). Â This follows up on my February 16, 2007, blog entry about the drinking and driving arrest of one of Justice Scalia's daughters. I said then, and say now, the only silver lining in this misdemeanor prosecution against Ann S. Banaszewski is to make criminal arrests and prosecutions more real -- rather than simply abstract -- for Justice Scalia and his colleagues.Â Last week, Ms. Banaszewski entered a guilty plea to drinking and driving. She was sentenced to eighteen monthsÂ probation, 140 hours of community service, and counseling (probably involving a group alcohol education class, which are commonly required for clients convicted of driving under the influence in the jurisdictions where I practice). She received an automatic six-month driver license suspension for refusing to take a breath test. Â As to the automatic license suspension, here is a discussion of the sanctions availableÂ for a breath test refusal in the jurisdictions where I practice.Â Jon Katz.

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