



Anna St. John

President Trump nominated Anna St. John to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana on January 6, 2026.

Career¹

- Bachelor of Arts, Louisiana State University, 2001
- Master of Arts, Columbia University, 2006
- Juris Doctor, Columbia Law School, 2006
- Clerk to Hon. Rhesa H. Barksdale, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2006-2007
- Covington & Burling LLP, 2005-2014
 - Summer Associate, 2005
 - Associate, 2006, 2007-2014
- Attorney/Of Counsel, St. John Law Firm LLC, 2015-Present
- Visiting Fellow, Independent Women’s Forum, 2024
- Center for Class Action Fairness, merged with the Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute in 2019
 - Attorney, Center for Class Action Fairness, 2015
 - Attorney, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Center for Class Action Fairness, 2015-2019
 - Attorney, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute, 2019-Present
 - President & General Counsel, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute, 2020-Present

Record on Reproductive Freedom

Advanced Strategic Litigation to Undermine Reproductive Freedom

St. John is the President & General Counsel of the Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute (HLLI), an organization that engages in litigation that undermines a variety of fundamental freedoms – including reproductive freedom.

- HLLI engaged in litigation that prevented a pro-reproductive rights organization from receiving court-awarded settlement funds by successfully framing support for abortion access as a disqualifying factor for charitable funding.²
- HLLI attempted to block millions of dollars stemming from a court-awarded settlement from being distributed to organizations that are fighting to protect reproductive health privacy, like the American Civil Liberties Union and the Electronic Frontier Foundation.³

Maintains Ties to Anti-Abortion Organizations

St. John is a member of several organizations that advance anti-reproductive freedom agendas.

- St. John has been an active member of the **Federalist Society** since 2003 and has served on the Executive Committee of the Free Speech Practice Group since 2021.⁴ She

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has also participated in numerous Federalist Society events on topics running from anti-transgender ideology to conservative interpretations of feminism.⁵

- The Federalist Society is a well-funded, conservative legal network that exerts influence through law schools, professional networks, and conferences, and over the judiciary at large. It serves as a talent and influence pipeline for the conservative movement to cultivate young lawyers and then pack the courts with judges who will execute their unpopular agenda.
- St. John also was a Visiting Fellow at the **Independent Women’s Forum (IWF)** in 2024⁶ and wrote for their website.⁷
 - IWF is an anti-abortion organization that claims to offer an alternative to mainstream feminism.⁸ IWF generally opposes abortion access and has supported restrictions at both state and federal levels, in addition to opposing the Affordable Care Act's contraception coverage benefit. They also oppose other policies that are essential for gender equality, including the Violence Against Women Act, paid family leave mandates, Title IX enforcement, and equal pay legislation. IWF is a member of the advisory board of Project 2025 and is partially funded by the Heritage Foundation.⁹

Record on Intersectional Commitments

LGBTQIA+ Equality: St. John has a record of opposing LGBTQIA+ equality, contributing to amicus briefs in cases that challenge state bans on transgender girls participating in school sports,¹⁰ and a case arguing in favor of discriminating against LGBTQIA+ individuals.¹¹

Gender Justice: St. John and her organization HLLI have actively opposed efforts to protect survivors of workplace sexual harassment and assault.¹² Specifically, HLLI has advocated against the Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act (EFAA), which Congress passed in 2022 with bipartisan support.¹³ This law allows survivors to choose whether to bring their claims in court or arbitration, rather than being forced into confidential arbitration proceedings that often favor employers and keep patterns of abuse hidden.

Immigration: St. John has espoused anti-immigration views and mischaracterized the 2022 Biden Administration’s asylum rule, authoring an anti-immigration article with the inflammatory title: “One Asylum Rule is Opening the Immigration Floodgates Even Wider.”¹⁴

¹ Anna St. John, Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Jan. 8, 2026).

² *Hesse v. Godiva Chocolatier, Inc.*, No. 1:19-cv-0972-LAP, 2022 WL 1217135 (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 20, 2022).

³ Decl. of Theodore Frank in Supp. of Obj., In re Google Location History Litig., No. 5:18-cv-05062-EJD (N.D. Cal. Mar. 4, 2024), ECF No. 355.

⁴ Anna St. John, Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees, P. 5, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Jan. 8, 2026).

⁵ *Id.* at 7-8.

⁶ *Id.* At 3.

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⁷ Anna St. John, *Supreme Court Disallows Challenge to Abortion Drug Regulations in FDA v. Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine*, IWF (June 14, 2024),

<https://www.independentwomen.com/2024/06/14/supreme-court-disallows-challenge-to-abortion-drug-regulations-in-fda-v-alliance-for-hippocratic-medicine/>.

⁸ *About*, Independent Women’s Forum, <https://www.independentwomen.com/about/>.

⁹ Katherine Doyle, *Donations Have Surged to Groups Linked to Conservative Project 2025*, NBC (Nov. 17, 2023), <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2024-election/donations-surged-groups-linked-conservative-project-2025-rcna125638>.

¹⁰ *State of WV v. B.P.J.*, No. 24-43 (U.S. argued Jan. 13, 2026); *Little v. Hecox*, No. 24-38 (U.S. argued Jan. 13, 2026); Anna St. John, Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees, P. 17, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Jan. 8, 2026).

¹¹ *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*, 600 U.S. 570 (2023); Anna St. John, Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees, P. 17, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Jan. 8, 2026).

¹² Anna St. John, Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees Attachment Package, P. 74, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Jan. 8, 2026).

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ Anna St. John, *One Asylum Rule Is Opening The Immigration Floodgates Even Wider*, IWF (Feb. 17, 2024), <https://www.independentwomen.com/2024/02/17/one-asylum-rule-is-opening-the-immigration-floodgates/>.