



## Chad Meredith

Donald Trump nominated Chad Meredith to serve on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky on June 23, 2025.

### Career<sup>1</sup>

- Bachelor of Arts, Washington and Lee University, 2004
- Juris Doctor, University of Kentucky College of Law, 2007
- Law Clerk to the Hon. John M. Rogers, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2007-2008
- Law Clerk to the Hon. Amul R. Thapar, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 2008-2009
- Associate Attorney, Frost Brown Todd, LLC, 2009-2011
- Ransdell & Roach, PLLC, 2011-2015
  - Associate Attorney, 2011-2015
  - Partner, 2015
- Office of the Governor of Kentucky, 2015-2019
  - Chief Deputy General Counsel, 2015-2019
  - Solicitor General, 2019
- Solicitor General, Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky, 2019-2021
- Squire Patton Boggs, 2021-present
  - Of Counsel, 2021-2025
  - Partner, 2025-present

### Record on Reproductive Freedom

Throughout his time as Chief Deputy General Counsel under Governor Matt Bevin and as Solicitor General, Meredith advanced an anti-abortion agenda by defending restrictive abortion laws and policies, and suing or joining in actions aimed at undermining abortion access:

- Defended two challenges to Kentucky's targeted restrictions of abortion providers (TRAP) laws, which have no medical benefits and only seek to impose barriers to abortion.<sup>2</sup>
- Defended Kentucky's ban on a common, safe, and medically-proven effective method of abortion.<sup>3</sup>
- Co-led an amicus brief<sup>4</sup> on behalf of Kentucky and 17 other states supporting two anti-abortion laws in Tennessee, including a ban based on the perceived reason a person is seeking care, and a ban that imposed criminal penalties on abortion providers who

deliver abortion care as early as six weeks into a pregnancy.<sup>5</sup>

- Co-led an amicus brief on behalf of Kentucky and 16 other states supporting Indiana's law that required parental notice when a young person receives a judicial bypass to obtain abortion care.<sup>6</sup>
- Signed onto an amicus brief on behalf of Kentucky, Indiana, and 14 other states supporting an Ohio law that banned abortion care based on the perceived reason a person is seeking care.<sup>7</sup>
- Co-led an amicus brief on behalf of Kentucky, Louisiana, and 16 other states supporting an executive order by the Tennessee Governor that used the COVID-19 pandemic as a pretext to ban abortion care.<sup>8</sup>
- Signed onto an amicus brief on behalf of Kentucky, Louisiana and 19 other states supporting Tennessee's law forcing a 48-hour delay before a pregnant person could seek abortion care.<sup>9</sup>
- Co-led an amicus brief on behalf of Kentucky and 16 other states supporting Indiana's petition for the Supreme Court to overrule a Court of Appeals order that required the state to issue a license to a qualified abortion provider.<sup>10</sup> The Supreme Court denied this petition.<sup>11</sup>

Meredith has also repeatedly expressed his anti-abortion positions in both his personal and professional capacities, including by:

- Being featured on Kentucky Right to Life Association's Facebook page,<sup>12</sup> in addition to a blog post from the same organization where they "commend" Meredith for his "masterful job" of arguing in support of a TRAP on behalf of the Kentucky Attorney General.<sup>13</sup>
- Speaking at an event hosted by the anti-abortion Kentucky Family Foundation.<sup>14</sup>
- Moderating a Federalist Society event<sup>15</sup> about the Supreme Court where he discussed the anti-abortion movement's failed challenge to the availability of mifepristone.<sup>16</sup>

### **Record on Intersectional Commitments**

#### **Democracy and Voting Rights**

- Meredith wrote a memo supporting amendments to the Kentucky Constitution to expressly prohibit non-citizens from voting in state and local elections.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> S. Chad Meredith, Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary (July 2, 2025).

<sup>2</sup> *EMW Women's Surgical Center, P.S.C. v. Glisson*, 2018 WL 6444391 (W.D. Ky. 2018); *EMW Women's Surgical Center, P.S.C. v. Friedlander*, 978 F.3d 418 (6th Cir. 2020); *EMW Women's Surgical Center, P.S.C. v. Beshear*, 283 F.Supp.3d 629 (W.D. Ky. 2017); *EMW Women's Surgical Center, P.S.C. v. Beshear*, 920 F.3d 421 (6th Cir. 2019).

<sup>3</sup> *EMW Women's Surgical Center, P.S.C. v. Friedlander*, 373 F.Supp.3d 807 (W.D. Ky. 2019); *EMW Women's Surgical Center, P.S.C. v. Friedlander*, 960 F.3d 785 (6th Cir. 2020).

<sup>4</sup> Brief of Amici Curiae Kentucky and 17 Other States in Support of Defendants-Appellants in No. 20-5969, *Memphis Center for Reproductive Health v. Slatery*, 14 F.4th 409 (6th Cir. 2021).

<sup>5</sup> *Memphis Center for Reproductive Health v. Slatery*, 14 F.4th 409 (6th Cir. 2021).

<sup>6</sup> Brief of Amici Curiae Kentucky and 16 Other States in Support of Petitioners in No. 19-816, *Box v. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky*, 141 S.Ct. 187 (2020).

<sup>7</sup> Brief of Amici Curiae Indiana, Kentucky, and 14 Other States in Support of en banc Petition for Rehearing in No. 18-3329, *Preterm-Cleveland v. Himes*, 994 F.3d 512 (6th Cir. 2021).

<sup>8</sup> Brief of Amici Curiae Kentucky, Louisiana, and 16 Other States in Support of Appellants' Emergency Petition for Rehearing en Banc and Administrative Stay in No. 20-5408, *Adams & Boyle, P.C. v. Slatery*, 956 F.3d 913 (6th Cir. 2020) (rehearing en banc denied).

<sup>9</sup> Brief of Amici Curiae Kentucky, Louisiana, and 19 Other States in Support of Appellants' Petition for Initial Hearing en Banc in No. 20-6267, *Bristol Regional Women's Center, P.C. v. Slatery*, 7 F.4th 478 (6th Cir. 2021).

<sup>10</sup> Brief of Amici Curiae Kentucky and 16 Other States in Support of Petitioners' Brief for a Writ of Certiorari in No. 19-743, *Hill v. Whole Woman's Health Alliance* (2020).

<sup>11</sup> *Hill v. Whole Woman's Health Alliance*, 141 S.Ct. 189 (2020).

<sup>12</sup> Kentucky Right to Life Association (Aug. 9, 2019),

<https://www.facebook.com/KYRTL/photos/a.2841841102496165/2841841742496101/?type=3&eid=ARBX C4uo4Et0VOXjbX4xQmTXHOBVfbZAKQWJGyz2GtlUkgrlFy2ZTJsRWjAQq-iiXMe2nlPqNCpA5vWn>

<sup>13</sup> *Saving Lives - Update on 2021 Ky Pro-Life Laws*, Kentucky Right to Life (Jul. 2, 2021), <https://krla.org/blog/update-2021-ky-pro-life-laws/> (last visited June 29, 2022).

<sup>14</sup> Remarks to the Kentucky Family Foundation, Lexington, KY (July 17, 2019).

<sup>15</sup> *Supreme Court Roundup with Missouri Solicitor General Josh Divine*, Federalist Society Northern Kentucky Lawyers Chapter, Covington, KY (Nov. 7, 2024).

<sup>16</sup> *FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*, 602 U.S. 367 (2024).

<sup>17</sup> Chad Meredith, Memorandum on the Potential Constitutional Amendment Regarding Non-Citizen Voting (Dec. 11, 2023).