



## Justin Olson

President Trump nominated Justin Ross Olson to serve on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana on November 14, 2025.

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

- Bachelor of Arts, Grove City College, 2010
- Juris Doctor, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, 2013
- Associate, Faegre Baker Daniels LLP (2015–2019)
- Law Clerk, Indiana Supreme Court, Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush (2013–2015)
- Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Indiana, Civil Division (2019–2024)
- Kroger, Gardis & Regas, LLP
  - Counsel (2025–present)
  - Associate (2024–2025)

### Record on Reproductive Freedom

#### ***Defended dangerous so-called “fetal personhood” ideology***

Olson authored an article where he argued that laws that give legal rights to fetuses do not raise constitutional concerns.<sup>2</sup> The strategy of granting legal rights to fetuses, embryos, and fertilized eggs is commonly used by those seeking to take rights away from pregnant people.

#### ***Affiliations with Anti-Abortion Organizations***

Olson is a member of organizations with anti-abortion and anti-reproductive freedom agendas, including as a member of:

- Alliance Defending Freedom, 2025–Present
- Federalist Society, 2024–Present

### Record on Intersectional Commitments

#### ***LGBTQ+ Equality***

Olson is a leading attorney for the anti-LGBTQ+ movement’s efforts to use Title IX litigation to block transgender athletes from participating in collegiate sports. He has represented several athletes in challenges to the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s (NCAA) policies that allow transgender students to compete in gender-aligned athletic teams.<sup>3</sup> He frequently uses stigmatizing language and misgenders transgender athletes in his legal filings.

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<sup>1</sup> Justin Olson, Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Nov. 14, 2025).

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<sup>2</sup> Defining Fetal Life: An Establishment Clause Analysis of Religiously Motivated Informed 7 Consent Provisions, 88 Ind. L.J. 1113 (2013).

<sup>3</sup> See *Slusser v. Mountain West Conference*, No. 1:24-cv-03155-SKC-MDB, *Riley Gaines, et al. v. National Collegiate Athletic Association, et al.*, No. 1:24-cv-01109-TRJ (N.D. Ga.) and *Brooke Slusser, et al. v. Mountain West Conference, et al.*, No. 1:24-cv-03155-SKC- MDB (D. Colo.).