

Matthew Orso

President Trump announced his intention to nominate Matthew Orso to serve on the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina on August 19 2025.

Career¹

- Bachelor of Arts, University of Dayton, 2000
- Juris Doctor, Saint Louis University School of Law, 2009
- Law Clerk, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, 2009-2011
- Associate, Employee Defense and Construction Litigation, Smith Parsons PLLC 2011-2012
- McGuire Woods LLP
 - Associate, Government Investigations & White-Collar Litigation, 2012-2018
 - Partner, Government Investigations & White-Collar Litigation, 2019-2023
- Partner, White Collar Defense & Government Investigations, Troutman Pepper Locke LLP, 2023-Present

Record on Reproductive Freedom

- Orso authored an opinion piece in the Catholic News Herald opposing the Health and Human Services regulations that instituted the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive-coverage benefit. He used disinformation about contraception to argue that owners of for-profit businesses should be allowed to force their individual religious beliefs upon their employees by denying them insurance coverage for contraception.²

¹ Matthew Orso, Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Aug. 21, 2025).

² *HHS Mandate Forces People to Act Against Their Convictions*, CATHOLIC NEWS HERALD, July 19, 2013, at 22.