



William Jerrol Crain

President Trump announced his intention to nominate William Jerrol Crain to serve on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana on September 26, 2025.

Career¹

- Bachelor of Arts, Louisiana State University, 1983
- Juris Doctor, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law School, 1986
- Aide to the Chairman, Senator Benjamin Burras Rayburn, Louisiana State Senate (1980-1986)
- Jones Fussell LLP (1986-1989)
 - Associate (1986-1989)
 - Partner (1990-2008)
- Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court of Louisiana (2009-2012)
- Judge, Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal (2013-2019)
- Associate Judge, Supreme Court of Louisiana (2019-Present)

Record on Reproductive Freedom

- During his campaign for the Louisiana Supreme Court, Crain ran on a staunchly conservative, anti-abortion platform.
 - While the candidates for the Supreme Court spot were all self-proclaimed conservative Republicans, Crain ran advertisements listing his first attribute for why he should be elected as being “pro-life,” in addition to being “the most conservative in the race” and “the most conservative choice”.²
 - In a debate with the other candidates, Crain affirmed his anti-abortion stances, stating that his “moral and religious beliefs require that I be pro-life.”³
- Once on the Louisiana Supreme Court, Crain dissented in a decision regarding a Louisiana anti-abortion law that extremists wanted to take effect immediately after the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Dobbs* decision. Crain would have allowed Louisiana's so-called “trigger law” to take effect immediately,⁴ thus preventing people from being able to access abortion care in the state while litigation continued. He wrote in his dissent that while the issue of “whether these doctors will suffer irreparable harm by being prohibited from performing abortions is debatable, terminating alleged life during the period of the temporary restraining order is irreparable.”⁵
- Crain has also been described by local reporters as “perhaps the most conservative member of the State Supreme Court.”⁶

¹ William Jerrol Crain, Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Sept. 26, 2025).

² *The Committee to Elect Appeals Court Judge Will Crain for Supreme Court*, Facebook, (last visited Oct. 6, 2025), available at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100058219623936>.

³ *Hot Seat: Louisiana Supreme Court Justice District 1 Debate Part 2*, WDSU News, YouTube (Aug. 26, 2019) available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJaZmVaPetY>.

⁴ *June Medical Services, LLC v. Landry*, (La. July 6, 2022), 341 So. 3d 538.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Tyler Bridges, *Conservatives Dominate List of Delegates Jeff Landry Names to Constitutional Convention*, NOLA News (Apr. 12, 2024), available at https://www.nola.com/news/politics/jeff-landry-names-conservatives-to-constitutional-convention/article_oc73f058f920-llee-b6a4-038c7d491e4e.html.