



Robert “Bobby” E. Long

President Trump nominated Robert “Bobby” E. Long to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida on August 18, 2026.

Career¹

- Bachelor of Science, Florida State University, 2003
- Juris Doctor, University of Florida, 2008
- Leon County Sheriff’s Office, 2002-2016
 - Law Enforcement Officer, 2002-2005
 - Law Enforcement Officer (Reserve), 2005-2014
 - General Counsel and Law Enforcement Officer, 2014-2016
- Associate Attorney, Rumberger Kirk, PA, 2013-2014
- Trial Judge, Florida Second Judicial Circuit Court, 2016-2020
- Appellate Judge, Florida First District Court of Appeal, 2020-present
- Judge Advocate General’s Corps, United States Navy, 2007-present
 - Naval Officer (Reserve), 2007-2008
 - Judge Advocate (Active Duty), 2008-2013
 - Judge Advocate (Reserve), 2013-present

Record on Reproductive Freedom

Blocked Young People’s Access to Abortion Care

- As an appellate judge on the Florida First District Court of Appeal, Long ruled in two separate cases to block teenagers from accessing a judicial waiver to receive abortion care in Florida.² A judicial waiver allows a court to permit people under age 18 to access abortion care without first notifying a parent or obtaining a parent’s consent. In one of the two cases, Long denied a judicial waiver to a teenager who was one month shy of turning 18.³
 - Denying a judicial waiver often forces young people to continue a pregnancy against their will or navigate the practical and financial burdens of traveling out of state to access abortion care. Forcing delays to abortion care can also result in adverse health outcomes for the pregnant young person.⁴
 - In states like Florida that require parental involvement in young people’s abortion decisions, judicial waivers are often the only avenue for a young person to be able to access care. When a judge puts their own anti-abortion views over the needs of a person seeking care, they not only put young peoples’ health at risk, but they also violate the law, which requires judges to consider only the maturity or best interests of the young person seeking an abortion.⁵

Affiliations with Anti-Reproductive Freedom Organizations

- Long has been a member of the **Federalist Society** since 2005.⁶ He has held various leadership positions since 2006 and is a current member of the Steering Committee for the Tallahassee Lawyer Chapter.⁷ Since 2005, Long has participated in numerous Federalist Society panels and events.⁸
 - The Federalist Society is a well-funded, conservative legal network that exerts influence through law schools, professional networks, conferences, and over the judiciary at large. It serves as a talent and influence pipeline for the conservative movement to help cultivate young lawyers and pack the courts with judges who will execute their unpopular agenda, which includes undermining reproductive freedom.
- Long was a Blackstone Legal Fellow in 2006.⁹ The Blackstone Legal Fellowship is a fellowship program facilitated by **Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF)**.
 - ADF is a conservative, Christian legal organization that works to attack reproductive freedom and LGBTQ+ rights. It is a Southern Poverty Law Center-designated hate group.

Record on Intersectional Commitments

Democracy and Voting Rights: As an appellate judge on the Florida First District Court of Appeal, Long diminished the voting power of Black Floridians by upholding a Florida law that established new congressional districts.¹⁰ Voting rights advocates argued that this violated Florida's constitution, which prohibits diluting voters' ability to elect racial minorities to Congress and also prohibits partisan gerrymandering. Despite this, Long's decision was affirmed and the majority-Black district in northern Florida was dismantled.¹¹

¹ Robert E. Long, Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Sept. 3, 2026).

² *In re Doe 23-A*, 375 So. 3d 949 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 2023); *In re Doe 22-A*, 331 So. 3d 1281 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 2022).

³ See *In re Doe 22-A*, 331 So. 3d 1281, 1283 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 2022).

⁴ See Alisha Kramer et al., *The impact of parental involvement laws on minors seeking abortion services: a systematic review*, Health Affairs Scholar (2023), <https://doi.org/10.1093/haschl/qxad045>.

⁵ See e.g. *Bellotti v. Baird*, 443 U.S. 622 (1979).

⁶ Robert E. Long, Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees, p. 5, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Sept. 3, 2026).

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ See Robert E. Long, Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees, p. 7, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Sept. 3, 2026).

⁹ *Id.* at 3.

¹⁰ *Secretary of State Byrd v. Black Voters Matter Capacity Building Institute, Inc.*, 375 So.3d 335 (Fla.App. 1 Dist., 2023).

¹¹ *Black Voters Matter Capacity Bldg. Inst., Inc. v. Sec'y, Fla. Dep't of State*, 415 So. 3d 180 (Fla. 2025).