



John Campbell Barker

President Trump nominated John Campbell Barker to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas on January 23, 2018.

Careerⁱ

- Bachelor of Arts, Texas A&M University, 2002
- Juris Doctorate, University of Texas School of Law, 2005
- Law Clerk, Hon. John M. Walker Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2005-2006
- Law Clerk, Hon. William C. Bryson, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 2006-2007
- Trial Attorney, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, 2007-2011
- Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, 2009
- Technical Writer, John W. Barker, 2011
- Associate, Yetter Coleman LLP, 2011-2013
- Partner, Yetter Coleman LLP, 2014-2015
- Deputy Solicitor General, Office of the Attorney General of Texas, 2015-present

Record on Choice-Related Issues

Court Cases

- Barker defended Texas' egregious Targeted Regulations of Abortion Providers (TRAP) laws in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* before the Supreme Court.ⁱⁱ The law in question subjected abortion providers to burdensome restrictions not imposed on other medical professionals and was struck down by the Supreme Court.
- Barker signed a brief on behalf of the state of Texas in *Zubik v. Burwell* arguing that the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive-coverage policy was forcing certain religious groups to "be morally complicit in facilitating or participating in the provision of contraception or abortions in violation of their religious beliefs," despite an accommodation put in place for such groups by the Obama administration.ⁱⁱⁱ

Notable Information

- Anti-choice Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton released a statement of support for Barker’s nomination for a federal judgeship.^{iv}

Record on Other Key Issues

- Barker defended Texas’ discriminatory voter identification law in the courts.^v The law disproportionately impacts minority voters, and had the potential to prevent as many as 600,000 Texans from voting in the 2016 election.^{vi}
- Barker signed several briefs on behalf of the state of Texas in support of President Trump’s discriminatory travel bans targeting people from Muslim-majority countries.^{vii}
- Barker signed a brief on behalf of the state of Texas in support of a Mississippi law that would allow a person to deny services, “such as photography or wedding-cake artistry,” to same-sex couples.^{viii}
- Barker represented the state of Texas in its challenge to the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) program.^{ix}

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ⁱ *Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees: J. Campbell Barker*, UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Barker%20SJQ.pdf> (last visited March 27, 2018)

ⁱⁱ *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt*, 136 S. Ct. 2292 (2016)

ⁱⁱⁱ Brief for the States of Texas, Ohio, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, and Wisconsin as Amici Curiae Supporting Petitioners, *Zubik v. Burwell*, 136 S. Ct. 1557 (2016)

^{iv} *AG Paxton Releases Statement on President Trump’s Nomination of Texas Deputy Solicitor General J. Campbell Barker to U.S. District Court in Tyler*, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS KEN PAXTON (January 23, 2018) <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/news/releases/ag-paxton-releases-statement-on-president-trumps-nomination-of-texas-deputy>

^v *Veasey v. Abbott*, 830 F.3d. 216 (5th Cir. 2016)

^{vi} *Veasey v. Abbott*, THE CAMPAIGN LEGAL CENTER, <http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/case/veasey-v-abbott-0> (last visited March 28, 2018)

^{vii} Brief for the States of Texas, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, and West Virginia, and Governor Phil Bryant of the State of Mississippi as Amici Curiae in Support of Appellants and a Stay Pending Appeal, *International Refugee Assistance Project v. Donald J. Trump*, 857 D.3d. 554 (4th Cir. 2017) (No. 17-1351); Brief for the States of Texas, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma,

South Carolina, and West Virginia as Amici Curiae in Support of Appellants, *Hawaii v. Donald J. Trump*, 878 F.3d 662 (9th Cir. 2017) (No. 17-17168)

^{viii} Brief for the states of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, and Paul R. LePage, Governor of Maine, as Amici Curiae in Support of Appellants, *Barber v. Bryant*, 860 F.3d 345 (5th Cir. 2017) (Nos. 16-60477 & 16-60478)

^{ix} *Texas v. United States*, 787 F.3d 733 (5th Cir. 2015)