



## Holly Brady

President Trump nominated Holly Brady to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana on April 10, 2018.

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

- Bachelor of Arts, Indiana University, 1991
- Juris Doctorate, Valparaiso University School of Law, 1994
- Associate, Gallucci Hopkins & Theisen, P.C., 1994-1998
- Associate, Barnes & Thornburg LLP, 1998-2002
- Member, Thiesen Bowers & Brady, LLC, 2002-2007
- Member, Haller & Colvin, P.C., 2007-present
- President, Haller & Colvin, P.C., 2012-2018

### Record on Choice-Related Issues

#### Notable Information

- After Indiana faced massive backlash for enacting a discriminatory law that would permit discrimination on the grounds of so-called “religious freedom,” Brady called the response to the law “a lot of hoopla,” minimizing very real fears of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or personal reproductive-health decisions. She said, “I don’t think it’s going to open the door to new discrimination... Are there some bad apples that will try to use this as some sort of a sword? Perhaps. But I don’t see it having any dramatic change whatsoever.”<sup>2</sup>
- Brady irresponsibly used her position as an attorney to promote falsehoods about the Affordable Care Act. In speaking about the discriminatory Indiana “religious freedom” law, Brady said she thought the law had been passed in response to “people feeling more and more like their religious beliefs are under attack.”<sup>3</sup> She then “referenced the Affordable Care Act’s attempt to require the Catholic Church to provide medical services contrary to their religious beliefs.”<sup>4</sup> This is a wildly inaccurate description of the Affordable Care Act and its contraceptive-coverage policy, the single greatest advancement in reproductive healthcare in a generation. The ACA did not impose on religious beliefs and it certainly did not require the Catholic Church to provide medical services, and in fact provided an accommodation for houses of worship and religiously affiliated organizations.

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<sup>1</sup> *Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees: Holly Ann Brady*, UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Brady%20SJQ.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Adam Widener, *Horrible or hoopla? Attorneys weigh in on religious freedom law*, WANE (Mar. 26, 2015), [http://www.wane.com/news/horrible-or-hoopla-attorneys-weigh-in-on-religious-freedom-law\\_20180323060337938/1071874807](http://www.wane.com/news/horrible-or-hoopla-attorneys-weigh-in-on-religious-freedom-law_20180323060337938/1071874807)

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