



### John M. O'Connor

President Trump nominated John O'Connor to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Northern, and Western Districts of Oklahoma on April 10, 2018. O'Connor is anti-choice.

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

- Bachelor of Arts, Oklahoma State University, 1977
- Juris Doctorate, University of Tulsa College of Law, 1980
- Attorney, Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold, 1981-1983
- Attorney, Newton, O'Connor, Turner & Ketchum, P.C., 1983-2018
- Shareholder, Hall Estill, 2018-present

### Record on Choice-Related Issues

#### Notable Information

- O'Connor spoke at an anti-choice rally, organized to “commemorate the lives of the unborn who lost their lives though abortion.”<sup>2</sup> According to press coverage of the event, O'Connor, “said he believed the Supreme Court will gradually chip away at the Roe case,” which, according to O'Connor, “decided fetuses aren’t persons.”<sup>3</sup>
- O'Connor is a member of the Brother House of Tulsa, an organization with the purpose of fostering male spirituality in response to “male bashing” from the opposite sex.”<sup>4</sup> O'Connor disputes that he was ever involved in leadership of the organization, but Tulsa World listed him as a director or advisor of the ‘group.’<sup>5</sup>
- O'Connor has donated to anti-choice politicians including Sens. James Lankford and Jim Inhofe.<sup>6</sup>

July 31, 2018

#### **Notes**

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<sup>1</sup> Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees: John Michael O'Connor, UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/OConnor%20SJQ.pdf>

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<sup>2</sup> Sonya Colberg, *Foes of Abortion Rally at ORU*, TULSA WORLD (Jan. 25, 1989)

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<sup>4</sup> Carolyn Jenkins, *Brother House Promotes Men's Spirituality*, TULSA WORLD (Feb. 18, 1990)

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<sup>6</sup> FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, [https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/individual-contributions/?two\\_year\\_transaction\\_period=2014&contributor\\_name=john+o%27connor&min\\_date=01%2F01%2F2013&max\\_date=12%2F31%2F2014&contributor\\_state=OK](https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/individual-contributions/?two_year_transaction_period=2014&contributor_name=john+o%27connor&min_date=01%2F01%2F2013&max_date=12%2F31%2F2014&contributor_state=OK) (last visited July 31, 2018)