



Greg Guidry

President Trump nominated Greg Guidry to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana on January 16, 2019. Guidry is anti-choice.

Career¹

- Bachelor of Arts, Louisiana State University, 1982
- Juris Doctorate, Louisiana State University, 1985
- Master of Judicial Studies, National Judicial College, 2010
- Associate, Liskow & Lewis, 1985-1989
- Assistant Attorney General, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1989-1990
- Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Louisiana, 1990-2000
- District Court Judge, Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, Parish of Jefferson, 2000-2006
- Judge, Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, 2006-2008
- Associate Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court, 2009-present

Record on Choice-Related Issues

Notable Information

- In 2008, the staunchly anti-choice Family Research Council (FRC) endorsed just one judicial candidate nationwide: Greg Guidry, who was running for Louisiana Supreme Court at the time.² A local newspaper reported that, "David Nammo, executive director of FRC Action, said he had several conversations with Guidry and that they considered Guidry's election crucial to the future of the Louisiana court."³
 - The Family Research Council has been designated a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center for its anti-LGBT activism.⁴ FRC also advocates for the extreme position of fetal "personhood," and refers to *Roe v. Wade* as a "grave error."⁵
- Guidry wrote a law review article in which he questioned Louisiana's physician-patient privilege statute as it related to a woman's medical records regarding an abortion.⁶ In the case, a woman's husband wanted to use records of her abortion, which he contended were evidence of adultery, against her in divorce proceedings. The Louisiana Supreme Court held that her medical records were privileged

communications under the state’s physician-patient privilege statute and could not be admitted as evidence. Guidry felt the results of the case were “inequitable.” He wrote, “Even when a controversial topic such as abortion comes into litigation, which a patient may legitimately wish to be kept confidential, the evidence of such medical treatment is often necessary for a fair adjudication.” The article goes on to advocate for a “complete reevaluation of the physician-patient privilege” that would allow the court to determine when it is appropriate to admit a litigant’s private medical records into evidence against their will.⁷ Needless to say, women access abortion care for many reasons, including in cases of rape, incest, or danger to their health, and as such should never be forced to disclose records of their reproductive healthcare against their will.

- Guidry is active in the anti-choice, conservative Federalist Society.⁸ The Federalist Society is led by Leonard Leo, the anti-choice activist who is heavily involved in selecting Trump’s Supreme Court and lower court nominees. Leo has been outspoken in his anti-choice views, calling abortion “an act of force” and “a threat to human life,”⁹ and serves as co-chairman of Students for Life,¹⁰ a group whose mission is to “abolish abortion.”¹¹

Record on Other Key Issues

- When an executive order by Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards “banning discrimination in state government and state contracts based on sexual orientation and gender identity” was struck down in the courts, Guidry voted to reject an appeal, thus preventing the order from going into effect and protecting LGBTQ+ Louisianans.¹² The Chief Justice of the Court dissented, writing that the order was “a rational policy choice that is consistent with the governor’s legal obligation to faithfully execute the Equal Protection Clause and the broad remedial purpose of both state and federal anti-discrimination statutes.”

¹ *Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees: Greg Garard Guidry*, UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Greg%20Guidry%20SJQ%20-%20PUBLIC.pdf>

² Jonathan Tilove, *Family Research Council welcomes choice of Palin; Evaluation of McCain is ongoing, however*, TIMES-PICAYUNE (Sept. 13, 2008)

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Family Research Council*, SPLC SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/family-research-council> (last visited Feb. 8, 2019)

⁵ *Abortion*, FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL, <https://www.frc.org/abortion> (last visited Feb. 8, 2019)

⁶ Greg Gerard Guidry, *The Louisiana Supreme Court and the Physician-Patient Privilege: Arsenaux v. Arsenaux*, LOUISIANA LAW REVIEW, 44 La. L. Rev. 1813 (July 1984)

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ *Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees: Greg Garard Guidry*, UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Greg%20Guidry%20SJQ%20-%20PUBLIC.pdf>

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- ¹² Kevin McGill, *Louisiana's High Court Rejects LGBT Rights Order*, U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT (March 23, 2018), <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/louisiana/articles/2018-03-23/louisiana-high-court-rejects-lgbt-rights-order>