



Sean Jordan

President Trump nominated Sean Jordan to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas on January 16, 2019. Jordan is anti-choice.

Career¹

- Bachelor of Science, University of Texas at Austin, 1991
- Juris Doctorate, University of Texas School of Law, 1994
- Associate, Bell & Murphy PC, 1994-1997
- Associate, Beirne, Maynard, & Parsons LLP, 1997-1998
- Associate, Solar & Fernandes LLP, 1998-2000
- Associate, Jackson Walker LLP, 2000-2002
- Partner, Jackson Walker LLP, 2002-2004
- Assistant Solicitor General, Office of the Attorney General of Texas, 2004-2006
- Deputy Solicitor General, Office of the Attorney General of Texas, 2006-2008
- Principal Deputy Solicitor General, Office of the Attorney General of Texas, 2008-2012
- Partner, Sutherland, Asbill, & Brennan LLP, 2012-2015
- Partner, Jackson Walker LLP, 2015-present

Record on Choice-Related Issues

Court Cases

- Jordan filed an amicus brief in *Storman's Inc. v. Wiesman* in the Ninth Circuit in support of a Washington pharmacy that refused to carry emergency contraception.² Although state law allows pharmacists to refuse to fill a prescription themselves based on a religious belief, a pharmacy is required to fill all legal prescriptions. Dozens of complaints had been filed against this particular pharmacy for denying women access to care.³ Jordan teamed up with fellow extreme Trump nominees Matthew Kacsmayk and Jeff Mateer (whose nomination has since been withdrawn) to file the brief on behalf of the First Liberty Institute, an organization that regularly litigates against reproductive freedom and LGBTQ rights and has been praised by anti-choice politicians like Ted Cruz, Rick Perry, and Mike Huckabee.⁴ Jordan, Kacsmayk, and Mateer went on to file an amicus brief in the same case before the Supreme Court, this time on behalf of 43 anti-choice members of Congress.⁵

Notable Information

- Jordan is a member of the conservative, anti-choice Federalist Society.⁶ 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,"⁷ and serves as co-chairman of Students for Life,⁸ a group whose mission is to "abolish abortion."⁹
- Jordan has donated thousands of dollars to anti-choice politicians including Ted Cruz and Lamar Smith.¹⁰ Jordan also served as a member of Campaign Finance Committee for Cruz for Senate in 2012.¹¹

Record on Other Key Issues

- The state of Texas, represented by Jordan, filed an amicus brief in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, arguing that the second amendment protects an individual right to gun ownership outside of the context of a "well-regulated militia," as the Constitution specifies.¹²

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

² Brief of Amicus Curiae Liberty Institute in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellees, *Storman's Inc., et al. v. Wiesman*, 794 F.3d 1064 (9th Cir. 2015).

³ Emma Green, *Even Christian Pharmacists Have to Stock Plan B*, THE ATLANTIC, June 29, 2016, at <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2016/06/pharmacists-have-to-sell-emergency-contractioneven-if-it-violates-their-religious-beliefs/489182/> (last visited Nov. 17, 2017).

⁴ *Endorsements*, First Liberty (small caps), <https://firstliberty.org/about-us/endorsements/> (last visited Feb. 12, 2019).

⁵ Brief of Amicus Curiae 43 Members of Congress in Support of Petitioners, *Storman's Inc., et al. v. Wiesman*, (9th Cir. 2015), *petition for cert. filed* (No. 15-862).

⁶ *Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees: Sean Daniel Godwin Jordan*, UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Sean%20Jordan%20SJQ%20-%20PUBLIC.pdf>

⁷ Jeffrey Toobin, *The Conservative Pipeline to the Supreme Court*, THE NEW YORKER (April 17, 2017), <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/04/17/the-conservative-pipeline-to-the-supreme-court>

⁸ *Board of Directors*, STUDENTS FOR LIFE, <http://studentsforlife.org/supporters/board-of-directors-1> (last visited July 5, 2018)

⁹ *Mission Statement*, STUDENTS FOR LIFE, <http://studentsforlife.org/about/mission-statement/> (last visited July 5, 2018)

¹⁰ *Donor Lookup: Sean Jordan*, OPEN SECRETS, <https://www.opensecrets.org/donor-lookup/results?name=sean+jordan> (last visited Feb. 27, 2019)

¹¹ *Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees: Sean Daniel Godwin Jordan*, UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Sean%20Jordan%20SJQ%20-%20PUBLIC.pdf>

¹² Brief of the States of Texas, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming as Amici Curiae in Support of Respondent, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 2008 WL 405558 (U.S. 2008)