



PROFILING JUDGE ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ AMY CONEY BARRETT

- ▶ Currently serves as a judge on the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. She was confirmed to that position in 2017 by a bipartisan U.S. Senate vote of 55 to 43.
- ▶ Was born on January 28, 1972. At 48, Judge Barrett would be the youngest justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.
- ▶ Judge Barrett's husband Jesse is also an attorney and former federal prosecutor. They have 7 children, including two children adopted from Haiti and a son with Down syndrome.
- ▶ B.A. in English from Rhodes College in Tennessee. Graduated *summa cum laude* from Notre Dame Law School.
- ▶ Served as a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, and D.C. Circuit Judge Laurence Silberman.
- ▶ Ruled on three abortion cases on the 7th Circuit. She joined a dissent to uphold Indiana's laws banning targeted abortions on children with disabilities and ensuring the dignified disposition of fetal remains. She joined an opinion urging the Supreme Court to reconsider *Hill v. Colorado*, which restricts the free speech rights of sidewalk counselors at abortion facilities. She voted for the full 7th Circuit to rehear a challenge to an Indiana law requiring parental notification before a minor girl can get an abortion after a three-judge panel found the law to be unconstitutional.
- ▶ Spent 15 years as a full-time law professor at Notre Dame Law School. She has also taught law at the University of Virginia and George Washington University.
- ▶ Served as a board member at South Bend's Trinity School at Greenlawn, and served on the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish's Pastoral Council. During her 2017 confirmation hearings, her faith became the focus of criticism, including a famous line from Senator Diane Feinstein: "The dogma lives loudly within you."
- ▶ Judge Barrett described her judicial philosophy as following the rule of law: "I clerked for Justice Scalia more than 20 years ago, but the lessons I learned still resonate. His judicial philosophy is mine, too. A judge must apply the law as written. Judges are not policymakers, and they must be resolute in setting aside any policy views they might hold."