



# JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON

U.S. Court of Appeals for D.C. Circuit, Supreme Court Nominee

## KEY EXPERIENCE:

- **2021-Present:** Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
- **2013-2021:** Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- **2010-2014:** Vice-Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission
- **2005-2007:** Assistant Federal Public Defender
- **1999-2000:** Law Clerk for Justice Stephen Breyer

## EDUCATION:

- **1992:** Harvard University, B.A.
- **1996:** Harvard Law School, J.D.

## AGE:

51

## KEY ISSUES

**SANCTITY OF LIFE/FREE SPEECH:** As an attorney, Jackson wrote an amicus brief on behalf of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, and other pro-abortion groups supporting a law that blocked pro-life advocates from approaching abortion clinics.<sup>1</sup>

**SEPARATION OF POWERS/UNIONS:** In a lawsuit brought by federal employee unions against the Trump Administration, Jackson acknowledged that President Trump had the statutory and constitutional authority to issue executive orders that pertain to federal labor-management relations but ruled in favor of the unions and the right to bargain collectively.<sup>2</sup>

**PRESIDENTIAL IMMUNITY:** Jackson overruled presidential immunity to find that former White House counsel Don McGahn was required to testify before the House Judiciary Committee.<sup>3</sup>

## COMMITMENT TO PROGRESSIVE CAUSES:

- In 2008, Jackson was an election poll monitor for the Obama for America Presidential Campaign.<sup>4</sup>
- Jackson has served as a speaker for the progressive American Constitution Society at seven events since 2007.<sup>5</sup>

## OTHER ISSUES

The record shows that Judge Jackson has also taken positions hostile to:

Religious Liberty	Free Speech	Right to Keep & Bear Arms	Students' Rights	Originalism	Separation of Powers
X	X	X	X	X	X

## ENDORSEMENTS

- **AFL-CIO**<sup>6</sup>
- **DEMAND JUSTICE**<sup>7</sup>
- **ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE**<sup>8</sup>
- **The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights**<sup>9</sup>, a coalition<sup>10</sup> of:
  - **Anti-religious liberty groups:** American Atheists, ACLU, American Humanist Association, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Freedom from Religion Foundation, Southern Poverty Law Center, etc.
  - **Pro-abortion groups:** Center for Reproductive Rights, NOW, Planned Parenthood, etc.
  - **Pro-LGBT rights groups:** Human Rights Campaign, Lambda Legal, National Center for Lesbian Rights, National Center for Transgender Equality, etc.
- **National Council of Jewish Women**<sup>11</sup>
- **National Education Association**<sup>12</sup>
- **The National Women's Law Center**<sup>13</sup>
- **People for the American Way**<sup>14</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Brief in Support of Defendants-Appellants by Amici Curiae Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts; Abortion Access Project of Massachusetts, et. al., *McGuire v. Reilly*, 260 F.3d 36 (1st Cir. 2001).
- <sup>2</sup> *Am. Fed. of Gov't Emps., AFL-CIO v. Trump*, 318 F. Supp. 3d 370 (D.D.C. 2018).
- <sup>3</sup> *Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives v. McGahn*, 415 F. Supp. 3d 148 (D.D.C. 2019).
- <sup>4</sup> *U.S. S. Comm. on the Judiciary Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees, Ketanji Brown Jackson, Comm. on the Judiciary, U.S. S., 117th Cong., 98* (2021).
- <sup>5</sup> *U.S. S. Comm. on the Judiciary Questionnaire for Judicial Nominees, Ketanji Brown Jackson, Comm. on the Judiciary, U.S. S., 117th Cong., 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 38* (2021).
- <sup>6</sup> *ALF-CIO Legislative Alert* (May 20, 2021), <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Judge%20Ketanji%20Brown%20Jackson.pdf>.
- <sup>7</sup> Demand Justice, *Demand Justice Kicks Off Six-Figure Ad Campaign, Targeted to Black Audiences, in Support of Ketanji Brown Jackson* (June 7, 2021), <https://demandjustice.org/demand-justice-kicks-off-six-figure-ad-campaign-targeted-to-black-audiences-in-support-of-ketanji-brown-jackson/>.
- <sup>8</sup> Alliance for Justice (Apr. 26, 2021), <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/4.26.21%20-%20AFJ%20Letter%20of%20Support%20Ketanji%20Brown%20Jackson.pdf>.
- <sup>9</sup> The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights, *Support the Confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit* (Apr. 27, 2021), <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/4.27.21%20-%20LCCHR%20Support%20for%20KBJ.pdf>.
- <sup>10</sup> The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, *The Coalition*, <https://civilrights.org/about/the-coalition/> (last visited Feb. 8, 2021).
- <sup>11</sup> National Council of Jewish Women (Apr. 26, 2021), <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/4.26.21%20-%20NCJW%20Support%20for%20KBJ.pdf>.
- <sup>12</sup> National Education Association (Apr. 28, 2021), <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/4.28.21%20-%20NEA%20Support%20Letter%20for%20KBJ.pdf>.
- <sup>13</sup> National Women's Law Center, *Letter in Support of Ketanji Brown Jackson for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit* (May 5, 2021) <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/5.5.21%20-%20NWLWC%20Letter%20in%20Support%20Ketanji%20Brown%20Jackson.pdf>.
- <sup>14</sup> People for the American Way (Apr. 26, 2021), <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/4.26.21%20-%20PFAW%20Support%20for%20KBJ.pdf>.