

Judge Amy Coney Barrett

A Record Of Blocking Access To Justice For Everyday Americans

President Donald Trump nominated Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Amy Coney Barrett to replace Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the U.S. Supreme Court. Trump and his allies in the U.S. Senate know what is at stake with this nomination – and by nominating Judge Barrett, he is continuing to pack the courts with judges who will side with corporations over workers, and with powerful interests over everyday Americans. The Supreme Court makes key decisions that determine whether workers and consumers are protected from predatory practices and powerful corporations. The American people deserve to have their voices and votes count in this process.

BARRETT SIDES WITH CORPORATIONS OVER PEOPLE 76% OF THE TIME:

A [new analysis](#) from government watchdog Accountable.US found Judge Barrett sided with corporations over people 76% of the time during her brief tenure on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

BARRETT CRITICIZED THE COURT DECISIONS THAT PROTECTED OBAMACARE:

On the Supreme Court's *NFIB v. Sebelius* decision that upheld the Affordable Care Act, Barrett [said](#), "Chief Justice Roberts pushed the Affordable Care Act beyond its plausible meaning to save the statute." She has [said](#) that the Supreme Court "very creatively interpreted the statute to be a tax" in order to uphold the statute. On the Supreme Court's *King v. Burwell* decision that upheld the tax credits in the Affordable Care Act, Barrett [said](#): "I think the dissent has the better of the legal argument."

BARRETT REMOVED A CRITICAL REMEDY FOR VICTIMS OF CORPORATE FRAUD:

Judge Barrett [refused](#) to reconsider a decision that ruled the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) could not seek restitution for victims of consumer fraud, overturning precedent. Because of the ruling, the court vacated a \$5 million judgment for consumers against a credit monitoring company. The FTC is designed to protect consumers from fraud, which it does by not only putting a stop to fraudulent behavior, but also by making sure consumers can get their money back — to the tune of billions of dollars in restitution.

BARRETT REQUIRED A PATIENT TO KNOW COMPLEX PROCEDURES TO BE COMPENSATED:

Judge Barrett [ruled](#) against a patient who was injured after undergoing a painful and bruising pap smear. The patient filed a complaint to be compensated for \$332 in expenses due to the injury. Since she couldn't afford a lawyer, she did not know the administrative

procedures she had to go through and, because of that, Judge Barrett dismissed her claim. Judge Barrett's ruling failed to give the patient the leeway that was required to those who don't have a lawyer.

BARRETT DENIED CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AGAINST AN ABUSIVE DEBT COLLECTOR:

Judge Barrett [denied](#) consumers the ability to enforce their rights under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, which protects against abusive debt collection practices. Barrett found that consumers are not protected from the law, even if the debt collector fails to provide adequate notice to them about actions that are required for them to be protected.

BARRETT RULED TO MAKE IT HARDER FOR GIG WORKERS TO GET OVERTIME PAY:

Judge Barrett [ruled](#) against drivers who claimed that GrubHub failed to pay them overtime wages they were entitled to in violation of established federal law. Despite the fact that transportation workers engaged in "interstate commerce" are exempt from mandatory arbitration agreements, Barrett held the drivers were required to undergo a too often biased arbitration process for any claims.

BARRETT RULED AGAINST A WOMAN WHO WAS INJURED DUE TO A FAULTY IUD

Barrett [ruled](#) against a woman who was forced to have a hysterectomy in order to remove a piece of her Intrauterine Device (IUD) that had broken off and become lodged in her uterus. A hysterectomy is a medical procedure to remove the uterus. In addition to ending menstruation, women who undergo hysterectomies are no longer able to become pregnant. Barrett agreed with the district court's finding that the injury suffered by Dalton "is not within the understanding of a lay person," and therefore, Dalton needed to provide expert testimony.

CORPORATE GROUPS – INCLUDING THE CHAMBER – ARE SUPPORTING BARRETT:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has begun [mobilizing](#) its resources and lobbying lawmakers and businesses across Washington in support of Judge Barrett's confirmation. The political advocacy group, Americans for Prosperity, backed by billionaire Charles Koch, has also [launched](#) an "expansive and expensive campaign" in support of the nomination.