

# ZACHARY BLUESTONE

On May 7, 2025, President Trump nominated Zachary Bluestone to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. Bluestone's lack of legal experience severely undermines his suitability for a lifetime federal judgeship. As a 2016 law school graduate, Bluestone has less than nine years of professional legal experience, which falls short of the 12 years highly advocated for by the [American Bar Association](#). Simply put, Bluestone is not remotely qualified to serve on the federal bench.

After short stints as a law clerk and a fellow at the James Wilson Institute, Bluestone worked under the helm of Josh Hawley in the Missouri Attorney General's Office's "Federalism Unit." [The Unit](#) was notorious for launching politically motivated litigation aimed at slashing progressive Obama-era policies and independent agency regulation designed to protect and support Americans, including efforts to challenge the Affordable Care Act, environmental protection regulations, and the existence of the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau.

## ALARMING ALLEGIANCE TO JUSTICE KAVANAUGH

Bluestone signed a [letter of support](#) endorsing Justice Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court, despite the serious and credible reports of sexual assault made against him during his confirmation process.

## ECONOMIC JUSTICE

While working in the Missouri attorney general's office, Bluestone [defended a state law](#) that designated most state employees as "at will," thereby limiting their ability to enter into collective bargaining agreements and abolishing many employment-related benefits and protections.

## GUN SAFETY

Representing the state of Missouri, Bluestone [argued against](#) the imposition of a blanket ban of all firearms on the University of Missouri campus, putting students' lives at risk.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bluestone has a demonstrated record of eroding police accountability, defending police misconduct, and undermining peoples' fundamental rights within the criminal legal system. For example, Bluestone [argued](#) that a victim of police misconduct was not entitled to reimbursement through Missouri's state legal expense fund, even after he was awarded \$2.5 million in a civil rights lawsuit against two officers who wrongfully arrested and prosecuted him.