

In January, President Trump nominated Anna St. John to serve a lifetime role as a federal judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. St. John has spent her legal career silencing women, attacking LGBTQ+ rights, and cutting off corporate accountability for everyday people. She leads the Hamilton Legal Law Institute (HLLI), a far-right extremist organization that routinely files lawsuits to attack civil rights, undermine consumer protections, eliminate gender equality, and deny basic human rights. Her record and nomination raise serious concerns — with such a record, it is unlikely that St. John would be fair or impartial and committed to upholding equal justice for all.

### PRO-FORCED ARBITRATION

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Forced arbitration clauses, buried in the fine print of take-it-or-leave-it terms and conditions, give corporations and employers the power to funnel cases of workers and consumers into private, secret tribunals. Forced arbitration clauses are so rigged that they amount to virtual immunity for wrongdoing. When forced arbitration clauses silenced women who were sexually assaulted and harassed, St. John testified against EFASASHA, modest and popular bipartisan legislation to end forced arbitration for cases involving sexual assault and sexual harassment.

### ANTI-CONSUMER

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St. John consistently sides with large corporations over consumers and workers. Despite claiming to be a consumer advocate, St. John spent years defending big corporations when they hurt people. After working at a large law firm, she moved on to lead the so-called Center for Class Action Fairness (CCAF) (now rolled into HLLI), an organization that routinely challenges and undermines class action settlements when corporations are held accountable for misconduct. It should be no surprise that HLLI, previously CCAF, and before that the Competitive Enterprise Institute, serves as a corporate shill cloaked in so-called consumer protection.

CCAF was a sub-unit of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, whose funding comes from millions in contributions from Koch family foundations, *The American Conservative*, Monsanto, the American Bankers Association, and the Exxon-Mobil Corporation. These corporations and entities have worked for decades to attack consumer rights and undermine corporate accountability.

If confirmed, St. John's demonstrated hostility towards a legitimate legal process would further erode the public's trust in a judicial system that increasingly favors corporations and the wealthy over ordinary individuals.

## ANTI-LGBTQ+ & ANTI-TRANS

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St. John authored and co-authored numerous amicus briefs undermining LGBTQ+ rights. In *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*, St. John supported allowing businesses to discriminate against LGBTQ+ individuals under the guise of religious freedom. In *Green v. Miss USA*, St. John called for banning transgender women from the Miss USA pageant as it “would infringe upon the pageant’s rights” (emphasis added). Using dehumanizing language, St. John has also supported banning transgender women and girls from teams that are consistent with their gender identity. She misgendered them in her briefs.

Such actions send a clear message: that businesses should be able to freely discriminate against LGBTQ+ people, and that such discrimination must be allowed to continue. Such blatant biases should be disqualifying for a lifetime seat on the federal judiciary.

A lifetime appointment to the federal judiciary calls for someone with a demonstrated commitment to justice for all and respect for others. Anna St. John’s biases and hostilities toward marginalized communities, including women and LGBTQ+ individuals, demonstrate that she is unfit and unqualified for a lifetime appointment serving the people of the Eastern District of Louisiana.