

PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

Justin R. Olson Sworn in as United States District Judge

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (February 20, 2026): The Honorable James R. Sweeney II, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, is pleased to announce that Justin R. Olson was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana this morning. A formal investiture ceremony will take place at a later date.

Judge Olson fills the vacancy created by the Honorable Jane E. Magnus-Stinson's assumption of senior status.

After administering the oath, Chief Judge Sweeney remarked, "We are excited to welcome Judge Olson to the bench and look forward to working with him in the years to come. His breadth of experience in the law will serve the residents of the Southern District of Indiana well. We are also grateful to Judge Olson's predecessor, Judge Magnus-Stinson, for her years of devoted service. Her retention of an active caseload while on senior status is greatly appreciated by the court."

Judge Olson stated, "I am thankful for the President's nomination, Senator Young's and Senator Banks' support, and the Senate's confirmation. I am deeply honored to take the judicial oath and join the esteemed judges of the Southern District of Indiana in their important work."

President Trump nominated Judge Olson for the position on January 5, 2026, and the Senate confirmed him on February 5, 2026.

Judge Olson began his legal career as a law clerk to Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush of the Indiana Supreme Court. From 2015-2019, he was an Associate in the Indianapolis office of Faegre Baker Daniels LLP (now Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP) in the firm's business litigation group. From 2019-2024, Judge Olson served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana in the Civil Division. As an AUSA, he served as the Civil Health Care Fraud Coordinator and Civil Opioid Coordinator, investigating and civilly prosecuting health care fraud. Judge Olson also represented federal employees in civil litigation involving personal injury, medical malpractice, and excessive force.

From 2024 until his appointment as District Judge, Judge Olson was an attorney at Kroger, Gardis & Regas, LLP, focusing on government investigations, business litigation, and Title IX litigation.

Judge Olson was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin but grew up in Indianapolis. He earned his bachelor's degree in 2010 from Grove City College. He majored in history and French and spent his junior year studying abroad in Grenoble, France. He obtained his law degree from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2013 and was admitted to the Indiana bar the same year.