

# ANDREW OLDHAM

At just 39 years old, Andrew Oldham is the **youngest person** Donald Trump has nominated for a lifetime appointment to the federal appeals courts. He is nominated for a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Oldham is currently General Counsel to Texas Governor Greg Abbott. Oldham has **questioned the legitimacy of the EPA** and **described** the Supreme Court's rulings as "just the whim of 5 unelected lawyers who happen to wear black robes."

## PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

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Oldham **repeatedly** helped Texas join then-Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to sue the EPA and **undermine** efforts to address climate change. Oldham even questioned the legitimacy of the EPA, **saying**: "One of the reasons why the administrative state is enraging, is not that you disagree with what the EPA does, although, I do disagree with a lot of what it does. That's not the thing that makes it enraging. It's the **illegitimacy** of it," and "no one ever pauses to wonder about whether the entire edifice of both the Clean Power Plan and the agency that promulgated it is just utterly and fundamentally illegitimate."

## SAFEGUARDS FOR WORKERS AND CONSUMERS

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Oldham has questioned the legitimacy of safeguards protecting the public and consumers. **Oldham** was reportedly "**heavily involved**" in the "**Texas Plan**" to radically amend the U. S. Constitution and gut the enforcement of modern consumer, public health, and workplace protections: "What's driving it from our perspective, from the Governor's perspective and mine . . . is much deeper than that." "It's not that I disagree with a particular Department of Labor regulation or a particular IRS regulation. It is the entire **existence** of this edifice of administrative law is constitutionally suspect."

## DREAMERS AND THEIR PARENTS

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Oldham was the **architect** of Texas's **strategy** to **block** the **expansion** of DACA to additional Dreamers and parents of U.S citizens or green card holders, across the country.

## GUN SAFETY

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Oldham is an NRA member who **represented** Texas in its fight against a California concealed carry law. He also **argued** that Texas concealed carry license holders should be **able** to carry firearms into some government buildings.

## CIVIL RIGHTS

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Oldham **helped** Texas sue to block the EEOC's efforts to "Ban the Box" in hiring. He **assisted** in gutting the Voting Rights Act in *Shelby County v. Holder* while advocating for Texas's controversial voter ID law, and also **fought** against fair housing protections for communities of color.

## REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

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Oldham **defended** Texas's extreme anti-abortion law, HB2, which the U.S. Supreme Court ultimately declared unconstitutional in *Whole Woman's Health*.

## HEALTH CARE

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Oldham **led** Texas's effort with 19 other states to strike down the Affordable Care Act.

## ANTITRUST

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Oldham **argued** that the modern day Sherman Act – a **foundation** of antitrust law and competition policy – is unconstitutional.