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Amy Coney Barrett Nominated to U.S. Supreme Court

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The *GLC Series* (Country Report) this week focuses on the nomination of Judge Barrett to be an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States. Amy (Vivian) Coney Barrett is the daughter of Michael and Linda Coney, wife of Jesse Barrett, and mother of seven children: Emma, Tess, Vivian, John Peter, Liam, Juliet, and Benjamin. Their family lives in South Bend, Indiana – home state of Vice President Mike Pence. She is a federal judge, has taught at Notre Dame Law School since 2002, and is a member of University Faculty for Life – promoting the sanctity of human life. President Donald J. Trump nominated her on Saturday, 26 September 2020, and sent her nomination to the U.S. Senate on Tuesday, 29 September 2020.

Senate Judiciary Committee: On 29 September 2020, Judge Barrett submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee the questionnaire she was required to complete, accompanied by “over 1,800 pages of documentation, including over 150 speeches and writings, for both academic and popular audiences, and identifying nearly 100 opinions she has written and over 800 appeals in which she has participated” (<https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/press/rep/releases/judge-barrett-returns-senate-judiciary-questionnaire>). Her 65-page completed questionnaire is available at this link.

Chairman Linsey Graham (R-South Carolina) met with Judge Barrett on 30 September 2020, and made the following statement: “I think [Judge Barrett] is one of the most qualified people to ever be nominated to the Supreme Court” (<https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/press/rep/releases/chairman-graham-meets-with-judge-barrett-america-is-lucky-to-have-you-nominated>).

“According to the standing rules of the U.S. Senate, committees may convene regardless of whether or not the Senate is in session. The Senate Judiciary Committee will proceed with the consideration of the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to be an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States on October 12, 2020” (<https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/press/rep/releases/no-change-to-senate-judiciary-committee-supreme-court-nomination-hearing>).

Senate Judiciary Committee hearings schedule (3-4 days):

Monday, 12 October 2020: opening statements of committee members and the nominee;

Tuesday-Wednesday or Thursday, 13-14 or 15 October 2020: questioning of Judge Barrett; testimony of people who know her well, and of legal experts.

Votes: After the hearings are completed, there will be vote by the Senate Judiciary Committee members. If a majority vote in favor of Barrett’s confirmation, then her nomination will be sent to the full Senate for a final vote on her confirmation as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Employment & Education Records (from questionnaire):

2017 – present: Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, Chicago, IL;
2002 – present: Professor of Law (2002-2017), Adjunct (2017 – present), Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, IN;
2007: Visiting Associate Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA;
2001 – 2002: John M. Olin Fellow in Law, George Washington University Law School;
2001: Adjunct Faculty Member, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC;
2001: Associate, Baker Botts L.L.P., Washington, DC;
1999-2000: Associate, Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin L.L.P., Washington, DC;
1998-1999: Law Clerk, Honorable Antonin Scalia, Supreme Court of the United States;
1997-1998: Law Clerk, Honorable Laurence H. Silberman, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Washington, DC.

1994-1997: Notre Dame Law School; J.D. (*summa cum laude*), 1997;
1990-1994: Rhodes College; B.A. (*summa cum laude*), 1994.

Background: The Acton Institute published an excellent article on her background, titled, “Everything you need to know about Amy Coney Barrett” (see attachment, or <https://blog.acton.org/archives/117191-everything-you-need-to-know-about-amy-coney-barrett.html>). This article includes her biography and views on major issues, including the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), religious liberty, original intent of the Constitution, due process of law, abortion, “building the kingdom of God” (wrongly labelled “theocracy”), Second Amendment, and Constitutional powers.

Conclusion: We continue to pray that Amy Coney Barrett will be quickly confirmed, and that her presence, along with the other conservative justices, will shift the court to protecting the sacred gift of human life, God-given human rights, God-ordained institution of marriage and family, and the original intent of the framers of the United States Constitution.

SDG and for the sanctity of human life,

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“So I [Moses] took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and appointed them heads over you, leaders of thousands and of hundreds, of fifties and of tens, and officers for your tribes. Then I charged your judges at that time, saying, ‘Hear *the cases* between your fellow countrymen, and judge righteously between a man and his fellow countryman, or the alien who is with him. You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not fear man, for the judgment is God’s’” (Deuteronomy 1:15-17).