

ALLISON JONES RUSHING ON ABORTION

Highlights:

- Allison Jones Rushing ruled to uphold Trump domestic gag rule, which prevented some federal funds from going to health centers that referred women to abortion services, even if the patient asked.
- Allison Jones Rushing worked for the anti-abortion Alliance Defending Freedom.

Rushing Upheld A Trump Administration Rule Restricting Doctors Referring Their Patients For Abortion Services If They Wanted Them

RUSHING UPHELD A TRUMP RULE THAT WOULD PREVENT CERTAIN DOCTORS FROM REFERRING PATIENTS TO ABORTION SERVICES

Rushing Dissented To Allow The Trump Administration's Domestic Abortion Gag Rule To Go Into Effect, Even Though A Lower Court Had Enjoined It. According to Rewire News Group, "From the start, Rushing has worked to enact Trump's conservative agenda. Shortly after taking the bench, she voted, along with fellow Trump appointee Julius Richardson, to allow the administration's domestic 'gag rule' to go into effect, even though a lower court had enjoined it. The gag rule bars Title X funds from going to any health-care clinic that performs abortions or refers patients for abortion services." [Rewire News Group, [4/3/20](#)]

The Trump Administration's Gag Rule Barred Clinics From Referring Women For Abortion Services, And If They Did They Would Not Receive Federal Funding. According to Courthouse News Service, "The Trump administration's rule barring clinics that receive federal funding from referring women for abortions cannot be enforced in the state of Maryland, the full Fourth Circuit ruled Thursday. In a 9-6 decision, the en banc court found that the Trump administration's implementation of its rule undermining the long-standing program known as Title X is both arbitrary and punitive. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar finalized the rule at issue last year, prohibiting health care providers like Planned Parenthood and others from taking federal funding so long as they referred their patients to abortion services." [Courthouse News Service, [9/3/20](#)]

Rushing Worked At The Anti-Abortion Alliance Defending Freedom

RUSHING WORKED AS A LEGAL INTERN AT THE ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM, A FAR-RIGHT ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTED THE CRIMINALIZATION OF ABORTION

2005: As A Law Student, Rushing Worked As A Legal Intern At Alliance Defending Freedom. "Allison Jones Rushing [...] Employment Record: List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, businesses or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated [...] Summer 2005 Alliance Defense Fund (now known as Alliance Defending Freedom)." [Senate Committee On The Judiciary, Questionnaire for Judicial Nominations, Allison Jones Rushing, accessed [10/24/18](#)]

The Alliance Defending Freedom Fought To Criminalize Abortion. According to Rewire News Group, "Since 1994, the Alliance Defending Freedom has been building a network of lawyers in public and private practice 'to keep the door open for the spread of the Gospel by transforming the legal system,' according to its website. Today, the Alliance has more than \$40 million in assets, according to its most recent auditor's report, and is becoming an increasing force in the conservative legal arena. Through legal actions and its various legal training programs, the nonprofit focuses on fighting for the criminalization of abortion." [Rewire News Group, [5/13/14](#)]