

Judge Who Tossed Obamacare Has Had More Than His Share of Contentious, High-Profile Cases

Given U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor's previous decisions halting Obama administration policies, few legal observers were surprised when the conservative judge issued a ruling that declared the Affordable Care Act unconstitutional because of a recent change in federal tax law, **reports** *The Dallas Morning News*.

Reporter **Kevin Krause** quotes Josh Blackman, a law professor at South Texas College of Law in Houston: "Without question, Judge O'Connor has had a fairly high-profile docket, in that he gets a lot of these hot-button issues."

The Texas attorney general has filed such cases in the Fort Worth and Wichita divisions of the Northern District of Texas because Paxton knows "with a high degree of certainty" they will wind up in O'Connor's court, Blackman said.

"He has become a go-to judge for Republicans over certain heated national social issues such as health care and transgender rights," Krause writes.

Read the *Morning News* article.