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Justin serves as President & CEO of Restoring and Integrity and Trust in Elections (RITE) and President of the Ulysses S. Grant Institute for the Study of Democracy. He also practices political law as a Partner for First Street Law.

Justin has been advising clients and high-ranking public officials on election administration and voting rights matters for nearly 20 years. Unusual for an election law attorney, Justin actually administered elections and understands them from the perspective of a practitioner and election official. Justin served as the Deputy Secretary of the Virginia State Board of Elections in Governor Bob McDonnell's administration where he coordinated implementation of the state's 2011 redistricting process and its administration of the 2012 presidential and 2013 gubernatorial elections, which included a statewide recount for Attorney General. Justin drafted and helped implement numerous important election integrity reforms in Virginia during his tenure, including a statewide photo ID requirement, online voter registration, and improvements to the state's list maintenance practices.

Justin also served as Chief Counsel of the Republican National Committee (RNC) from 2018 to 2022. He also served as counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration which has congressional oversight over election administration issues. Justin got his start working as an attorney for Senator John McCain's 2008 Presidential campaign.

Justin has written and presented extensively on election law matters, including testifying before the U.S. Senate Rules Committee, Committee on House Administration, and states legislatures. He has been quoted in The Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, National Review, and New York Times. In 2021, Justin Riemer was the recipient of the Republican National Lawyers Association's Robert J. Horn Chairman's Award for nationally distinguished service to the citizens of the United States of America for protecting the honesty and accuracy of elections. Justin is also a Senate-appointed member to the federal Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors.

Justin received his B.A. in History and Religion from Gettysburg College and his J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia.