

CAIR Celebrates Judge Inside Florida Capitol

 rairfoundation.substack.com/p/he-will-not-be-the-last-cair-celebrates

RAIR Foundation USA

February 5, 2026



CAIR is no longer whispering its long-game strategy in Florida — it is openly celebrating judicial and political placement inside the State Capitol while signaling a deliberate pipeline to capture institutions that outlast elections.

Florida is watching institutional pipeline-building in real time, and the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is no longer hiding the strategy.

At [CAIR-Florida's](#) “Muslim Day at the Capitol” event inside the Florida State Capitol on February 2, 2026, speakers openly celebrated expanding influence across Florida’s legal and political system, including judges and attorneys, and declared:

“We actually have now a judge... former State Representative Christopher Benjamin... and he will not be the last.”



That line was not casual. It was a signal. It was a statement of direction.

This aligns with the long-term strategy laid out publicly by Nihad Awad, which describes a multi-decade pipeline designed to build institutional leverage. The strategy is straightforward: build scale, fund recruits, and place loyal operators into high-trust positions that shape law, media, and education.

This is not grassroots spontaneity. It is institutional planning with a time horizon measured in decades. The stated objective is a professional-class pipeline that moves from community infrastructure to credentialed power: lawyers shaping precedent, journalists shaping narratives, professors shaping norms, and political figures shaping law. The point is to leverage what survives elections and outlasts public attention.

As outlined in a sermon by CAIR Leader Nihad Awad, the goal is not short-term activism. It is permanent placement. The stated target is a pipeline of thousands of mosques producing recruits, with a long-term goal of tens of thousands of lawyers, journalists, filmmakers, and professors, and even “a Supreme Court judge.”



That is not integration. That is captured through credentialing and placement.

The Florida component is no longer hypothetical. Christopher Benjamin's investiture as a county court judge occurred in late May 2025, with the 11th Judicial Circuit publicizing highlights of the ceremony and listing the event at the Dade County Courthouse. The chronology matters because the subsequent messaging did not read as neutral congratulations. It read like a victory lap.

In May 2025, [CAIR-Florida publicly celebrated Christopher Benjamin](#) being sworn in as a judge on the Quran, praising his transition with this message:

"From the legislature to the bench, he's stood for justice and with CAIR-Florida in critical moments."

CAIR-Florida did not frame this as a routine civic milestone. It framed it as alignment. The public message praised his move "from the legislature to the bench" and claimed he had stood "with CAIR-Florida in critical moments." The same posture appeared again in the celebratory language surrounding the investiture, including religious blessing language about remaining "steadfast" and "guided." These are not the words of an outside observer. These are the words of an organization presenting a judge as part of its broader influence story.

Hiba Rahim also praised the investiture, describing it as emotional and packed with supporters and elected officials, while offering a religious blessing for him to remain steadfast, guided, and always on the side of justice.

This is how influence is normalized. It is celebrated in public. It is wrapped in civil rights language. It is presented as progress. Then it is repeated.

"He will not be the last."



The broader political context matters. This story lands in the middle of Florida's own official posture toward CAIR. In December 2025, Governor Ron DeSantis issued an executive order [designating CAIR and the Muslim Brotherhood as foreign terrorist organizations](#) for purposes of state policy and agency posture. CAIR-Florida then filed suit challenging the order. That context raises the stakes for Capitol event messaging, as it shows CAIR is simultaneously fighting the designation while publicly celebrating courtroom influence and signaling expansion.

Regardless of where someone stands on that order, the underlying reality is undeniable: CAIR is operating openly inside Florida's seat of power, celebrating victories on the bench, and signaling a deliberate expansion.

This is what institutional leverage looks like when it stops whispering and starts clapping.