



2024 Q4 Life Litigation Report

Alabama

Federal District Court

- ***Yellowhammer Fund v. Marshall*** (M.D. Ala. No. 2:23-cv-450) – Abortion case raising the issue of whether the attorney general can prosecute individuals for assisting women to receive out-of-state elective abortions. Complaint filed July 31, 2023. Yellowhammer Fund filed a motion for summary judgment Aug. 28, 2023. State filed a motion to dismiss Aug. 28, 2023. United States filed statement of interest in support of plaintiffs’ right to travel claim Nov. 9, 2023. District court granted in part (overbreadth and fair-notice due process claims) and denied in part (right-to-travel, freedom-of-speech, freedom-of-association, and extraterritoriality claims) the motion to dismiss May 6, 2024. District court denied without prejudice Yellowhammer Fund’s motion for summary judgment, but the court directed it to file another motion in accordance with the scheduling order May 15, 2024. Cross-motions for summary judgment filed June 17, 2024. Briefing has concluded.

Alaska

State Court

- ***State of Alaska v. Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawaii, Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky*** (Alaska No. S-19277) – Chemical abortion (physician-only rule) case. The trial court entered final judgment for Planned Parenthood Sept. 25, 2024. The state appealed to the Alaska Supreme Court. Currently in briefing.

Arizona

Federal District Court

- ***Isaacson v. Mayes*** (D. Ariz. No. 2:21-cv-1417) – Abortion prenatal nondiscrimination (sex, race, and disability) and prenatal rights (personhood) case. District court granted the abortionists’ motion for a preliminary injunction regarding the personhood provision. District court denied plaintiffs’ renewed motion for a preliminary injunction against the disability prenatal nondiscrimination provision Jan. 19, 2023. 9th Circuit reversed and remanded on the standing issue for the prenatal nondiscrimination provision but did not express an opinion on the merits of the claims Oct. 30, 2023. Currently in briefing before the district court on the renewed motion for a preliminary injunction. District court granted the joint stipulation of partial voluntary dismissal Dec. 22, 2023, so that the plaintiffs only retained their challenges of unconstitutional

vagueness to the prenatal nondiscrimination and personhood provisions. Defendant-intervenors filed an answer Jan. 5, 2024. Supplemental briefs filed by both parties on Apr. 23, 2024 addressing the impact of the Arizona Supreme Court's Apr. 9, 2024 decision in *Planned Parenthood Arizona, Inc. v. Mayes* (Ariz. No. CV-23-0005-PR).

State Court

- ***Planned Parenthood Arizona, Inc. v. Mayes*** (Ariz. Super. Ct. No. C127867) – Abortion case challenging the pre-Roe law. Arizona Supreme Court upheld the pre-Roe law Apr. 9, 2024. Court of Appeals remanded to the superior court Sept. 24, 2024. [Americans United for Life's amicus curiae brief on behalf of Center for Arizona Policy](#).
- ***Reuss v. State of Arizona*** (Ariz. Super. Ct. No. CV2024-034624) – Case challenging the abortion abolition law and 15-week gestational limit. Complaint filed Dec. 3, 2024.

Arkansas

No cases reported.

California

Federal Court of Appeals

- ***National Abortion Federation v. Center for Medical Progress*** (9th Cir. No. 24-1948) – Free speech case regarding David Daleiden's undercover videos. District court granted National Abortion Federation's motion for summary judgment and permanent injunction. 9th Circuit affirmed. 9th Circuit denied Center for Medical Progress' petition for rehearing and petition for rehearing *en banc* Dec. 19, 2022. Supreme Court denied the petition for a writ of certiorari Oct. 2, 2023. Defendants filed a Rule 60(b)(5) motion for relief from the final judgment in the district court Feb. 15, 2024. Currently on appeal over attorney's fees.
- ***United Spinal Association v. State of California*** (9th Cir. No. 24-2751) – Assisted suicide case challenging California's End of Life Option Act as unlawful for discriminating against persons with disabilities. Complaint filed Apr. 25, 2023. District court granted the defendants' motions to dismiss and denied Compassion and Choices' motion to intervene Mar. 27, 2024. United Spinal Association appealed. Case is briefed, with oral argument set for Mar. 26, 2025.
- ***United Spinal Association v. Compassion & Choices Action Network*** (9th Cir. No. 24-2755) – Appeal of the denial of Compassion and Choices' motion to intervene in the assisted suicide case challenging California's End of Life Option Act. Case is briefed, with oral argument set for Mar. 26, 2025.

Federal District Court

- ***Blythe v. City of San Diego*** (S.D. Cal. No. 3:24-cv-2211) – Sidewalk counselors' case challenging a bubble zone ordinance. Complaint filed Nov. 25, 2024. City of San Diego filed a motion to dismiss Jan. 2, 2025. District court denied the motion for a preliminary injunction Jan. 14, 2025.

- ***California v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*** (N.D. Cal. No. 4:17-cv-5783) – Conscience rights case regarding the Affordable Care Act’s contraception mandate. District court lifted the stay because HHS withdrew the proposed rulemaking Jan. 8, 2025.
- ***Culture of Life Family Services, Inc. v. Bonta*** (S.D. Cal. No. 3:24-cv-1338) – Pro-life health clinic’s case to protect access to abortion pill reversal treatments. District court granted State’s motion to dismiss with leave to amend Nov. 12, 2024. District court denied the motion for a preliminary injunction as moot Nov. 13, 2024. Amended complaint filed Nov. 15, 2024. State filed a motion to dismiss or alternatively to stay the plaintiff’s amended complaint Dec. 10, 2024.
- ***Lopez v. City of San Diego*** (S.D. Cal. No. 3:24-cv-1577) – Sidewalk counselors’ case challenging a bubble zone ordinance. Complaint filed Sept. 5, 2024. Motion for a preliminary injunction filed Nov. 13, 2024. City of San Diego filed a motion to dismiss Nov. 13, 2024.

State Court

- ***Bakersfield Crisis Pregnancy Center v. California Department of Managed Health Care*** (Cal. Super. Ct. No. BCV-22-102617) – Pro-life lawsuit challenging California’s Abortion Accessibility Act for funding abortion but not childbirth, alleging violations of state constitutional rights to privacy and equal protection. Trial held Sept. 24, 2024.
- ***Studnicki v. Sage Publications, Inc.*** (Cal. Super. Ct. No. 2024CUPA031167) – Pro-life researchers’ lawsuit to compel arbitration over the retraction of the researchers’ scientific studies. Petition filed Oct. 3, 2024.
- ***The People of the State of California v. Heartbeat International, Inc.*** (Cal. Super. Ct. No. 23CV044940) – Anti-life case alleging abortion pill reversal groups engage in false or misleading statements and fraudulent business practices. Complaint filed Sept. 21, 2023. Demurrer filed Feb. 6, 2024. Trial court denied the demurrer June 2024.
- ***The People of the State of California v. St. Joseph Health Northern California, LLC*** (Cal. Super. Ct. No. CV2401832) – Pro-abortion lawsuit seeking to require a Catholic hospital to perform emergency abortions. Complaint and motion for a preliminary injunction filed Sept. 30, 2024. St. Joseph filed a motion to dismiss Dec. 23, 2024.

Colorado

Federal District Court

- ***Bella Health and Wellness v. Weiser*** (D. Colo. No. 1:23-cv-939) – Chemical abortion pill reversal case challenging a Colorado law that prohibits abortion pill reversals. Amended complaint filed Sept. 27, 2023. District court granted the district attorneys’ motions to dismiss but denied the attorney general’s and nursing board’s motions to dismiss Oct. 21, 2023. District court granted a preliminary injunction Oct. 21, 2023. Answer filed Nov. 20, 2023. District court modified the preliminary injunction Apr. 22, 2024. Case is in discovery.

Connecticut

No cases reported.

Delaware

No cases reported.

District of Columbia

Federal Court of Appeals

- ***United States of America v. Handy*** (D.C. Cir. Nos. 24-3057 [lead], 24-3061, 24-3063, 24-3064, 24-3086) – Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act criminal case charging pro-life advocates. Jury verdict of guilty for certain defendants Aug. 29, 2023. Jury verdict of guilty for certain defendants Sept. 15, 2023. District court denied the motion for reconsideration Oct. 30, 2023. Jury verdict of guilty for Defendant Harlow Nov. 16, 2023. Sentencing hearings set for May 14, 15, & 17, & June 21, 2024. Defendants sentenced on May 15 and May 21, 2024. Appealed to the court of appeals.

Federal District Court

- ***Advancing American Freedom v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*** (D.D.C. No. 1:24-cv-2803) – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit to obtain records regarding the approval of Mifeprex and meetings between seniors FDA officials, White House counsel, and foreign actors regarding chemical abortion drugs. Complaint filed Oct. 2, 2024. Answer filed Dec. 23, 2024.
- ***Frederick Douglass Foundation, Inc. v. District of Columbia*** (D.D.C. No. 1:20-cv-3346) – Free speech case alleging pro-life viewpoint discrimination. District court granted the motion to dismiss Sept. 1, 2021. Appealed to the D.C. Circuit. Oral argument held Sept. 28, 2022. D.C. Circuit reversed the dismissal of the equal protection claim Aug. 15, 2023. Answer filed Oct. 31, 2023. Discovery will close on Feb. 28, 2025. [Amicus curiae brief on behalf of Americans United for Life](#).
- ***Judicial Watch, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*** (D.D.C. No. 1:22-cv-3152) – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit to obtain records regarding chemical abortion drug stability and dissolution test results and manufacturing compliance. Complaint filed Oct. 17, 2022. Answer filed Nov. 28, 2022. Joint status report filed Jan. 15, 2025.

Florida

Federal Court of Appeals

- ***Florida Preborn Rescue v. City of Clearwater*** (11th Cir. No. 23-13501) – Sidewalk counseling case challenging a buffer zone ordinance. District court denied the motion for a preliminary injunction Oct. 20, 2023. Interlocutory appeal filed in the 11th Circuit, which has been briefed. Oral argument held Dec. 17, 2024.

Federal District Court

- ***United States of America v. Freestone*** (M.D. Fla. No. 8:23-cr-25) – Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act criminal case alleging vandalism of pregnancy

resource centers. District court accepted guilty plea of certain defendants June 17, 2024, and entered judgment against them on Sept. 17, 2024. Jury trial for remaining defendant finished Dec. 19, 2024, with the jury entering a guilty verdict.

State Court

- ***Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida v. State of Florida*** (Fla. Cir. Ct. No. 2022 CA 912) – Abortion gestational limits (15-week) case implicating the state constitutional abortion “right.” Florida Supreme Court held the state constitution does not protect abortion and upheld the 15-week abortion limit Apr. 1, 2024. No recent action.

Georgia

State Court

- ***State of Georgia v. SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective*** (Ga. No. S25A0300) – Abortion gestational limits (heartbeat) case, which also seeks to devise a state constitutional abortion “right.” Trial court issued a permanent injunction Nov. 15, 2022, finding the LIFE Act was void *ab initio*. Georgia Supreme Court reversed on the *ab initio* issue Oct. 24, 2023. Trial court crafted a state constitutional right to a pre-viability abortion and declared unconstitutional the heartbeat law Sept. 30, 2024. Georgia Supreme Court granted in part and denied in part the supersedeas Oct. 7, 2024. Currently in briefing before the state supreme court.

Hawaii

Federal District Court

- ***Purcell v. Becerra*** (D. Haw. No. 1:17-cv-493) – Chemical abortion case challenging mifepristone REMS. Second amended complaint filed Aug. 2, 2024. Answer filed Aug. 16, 2024. Plaintiffs filed a motion for summary judgment Oct. 2, 2024.

Idaho

Federal Court of Appeals

- ***Matsumoto v. Labrador*** (9th Cir. No. 23-3787) – Abortion parental involvement case regarding interstate abortion trafficking law. Complaint filed July 11, 2023. District court granted a preliminary injunction Nov. 8, 2023. District court granted in part (right to intrastate travel claim) and denied in part (remaining claims, including the interstate travel claim) the motion to dismiss Nov. 8, 2023. State appealed. Case is briefed, with oral argument held May 7, 2024. 9th Circuit affirmed in part (standing, sovereign immunity, First Amendment claim to the “recruiting” prong) and reversed in part (void for vagueness, expressive association, and free speech claim regarding the “harboring” and “transporting” prongs) Dec. 2, 2024.
- ***Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawaii, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky v. Labrador*** (9th Cir. No. 23-35518) – Abortion case challenging the Idaho Attorney

General's guidance that Idaho law prohibits Idaho medical professionals from referring for abortion across state lines, alleging violations of Free Speech, Commerce, and Due Process Clauses. District court granted the motion for a preliminary injunction in part (regarding the attorney general), denied it in part (regarding the state boards of medicine and nursing), and deferred it in part (regarding individual county prosecuting attorneys) July 31, 2023. District court denied the motion to dismiss regarding the attorney general July 31, 2023. 9th Circuit affirmed Dec. 4, 2024.

- ***The Satanic Temple v. Little*** (9th Cir. No. 24-1243) – Abortion case challenging the conditional law and gestational limits (heartbeat), under the Takings Clause, Involuntary Servitude Clause, Equal Protection Clause, and Idaho Religious Freedom Act. Amended complaint filed Dec. 13, 2022. Motion to dismiss filed Mar. 14, 2023. Motion to dismiss hearing held Dec. 6, 2023. District court granted the motion to dismiss Jan. 31, 2024. Appeal filed in the 9th Circuit. Case is briefed, with oral argument set for Mar. 26, 2025.
- ***United States v. State of Idaho*** (9th Cir. Nos. 23-35440, 23-35450) – Anti-life lawsuit to enforce the EMTALA abortion mandate. District court granted the plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction Aug. 24, 2022. 9th Circuit panel stayed the injunction. 9th Circuit *en banc* vacated the stay. While the appeal was pending before the 9th Circuit, the Supreme Court granted the application for a stay of the preliminary injunction, treated the petition as a writ of certiorari before judgment, and granted the petition Jan. 5, 2024. Supreme Court dismissed the petitions as improvidently granted June 27, 2024. Case is briefed, with oral argument held Dec. 10, 2024. [Americans United for Life's amici curiae brief on behalf of 121 Members of Congress.](#)

Federal District Court

- ***St. Luke's Health System, LTD v. Labrador*** (D. Idaho No. 1:25-cv-15) – Anti-life lawsuit to enforce the EMTALA abortion mandate. Complaint and motion for a preliminary injunction filed Jan. 14, 2024.

State Court

- ***Adkins v. State of Idaho*** (Idaho Dist. Ct. No. CV01-23-14744) – Abortion case seeking clarification of abortion medical exceptions. District court granted in part (*ultra vires*, equal rights of pregnant people, and physicians' due process rights claims) and denied in part (declaratory judgment and inalienable rights of pregnant people claims) the motion to dismiss Dec. 29, 2023. State filed a motion for summary judgment Sept. 25, 2024. Trial held Nov. 12–21, 2024.

Illinois

Supreme Court

- ***Coalition Life v. City of Carbondale, Illinois*** (No. 24-57) – Sidewalk counselors' case challenging a bubble zone ordinance. District Court granted the motion to dismiss because *Hill v. Colorado* is precedential. 7th Circuit affirmed Mar. 8, 2024. Supreme Court briefing on the petition for a writ of certiorari has concluded. The Supreme Court has distributed the case for conference.

Federal District Court

- ***National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Rauner*** (N.D. Ill. No. 3:16-cv-50310) – Free speech case regarding an anti-pregnancy center law. Parties filed cross-motions to strike expert testimony July 11, 2022. Court asked for briefing on the effect, if any, of *Doe v. Rokita*, No. 22-2748 (7th Cir. Nov. 28, 2022). On Jan. 17, 2023, the district court indicated the case will proceed to trial. Consolidated with *Schroeder v. Treto* (N.D. Ill. No. 1:17-cv-4663) for trial. Bench trial held Sept. 20–22, 2023. Post-trial briefing has concluded and the court has taken the motions and briefs under advisement.
- ***Students for Life of America v. Gillespie*** (N.D. Ill. No. 1:24-cv-11928) – Pro-life challenge to an abortion insurance mandate. Complaint filed Nov. 20, 2024.

Indiana

Federal Court of Appeals

- ***Planned Parenthood of Indiana & Kentucky v. Commissioner, Indiana State Department of Health*** (7th Cir. No. 24-2219) – Abortion parental notice case. District court granted plaintiff's motion for summary judgment, and denied defendants' motion for a summary judgment May 1, 2024. Appealed to the 7th Circuit. Case is briefed. [Amicus curiae brief on behalf of Americans United for Life.](#)
- ***The Satanic Temple v. Holcomb*** (7th Cir. No. 23-3247) – Abortion case challenging the abortion abolition law under the Takings Clause, Involuntary Servitude Clause, Equal Protection Clause, and Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act. District court granted the State's motion to dismiss Oct. 25, 2023. Plaintiff appealed to the 7th Circuit, which is currently in briefing. Briefing has concluded, and the court heard oral argument on Oct. 24, 2024.

Federal District Court

- ***Irish 4 Reproductive Health v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*** (N.D. Ind. No. 3:18-cv-491) – Conscience rights case regarding a pro-choice challenge to Notre Dame's exception to the contraceptive mandate. District court dismissed the case pursuant to the joint stipulation to dismiss Jan. 6, 2025.
- ***Scifres v. Commissioner, Indiana Department of Health*** (S.D. Ind. No. 1:24-cv-2262) – Challenge to the reporting requirements under a HIPAA theory. Complaint filed Dec. 23, 2024. Motion for a preliminary injunction filed Dec. 31, 2024.

State Court

- ***Anonymous Plaintiffs 1-5 v. The Individual Members of the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana*** (Ind. Super. Ct. No. 49D01-2209-PL-031056) – Challenge to the abortion abolition law alleging a state Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) claim. Trial court granted the motion for a preliminary injunction Dec. 2, 2022. Indiana Court of Appeals affirmed Apr. 4, 2024. State filed a petition to transfer the case to the state supreme court May 21, 2024. Indiana Supreme Court denied the petition to transfer Dec. 10, 2024. Hearing on cross-motions for summary judgment set for Sept. 26, 2025.

- ***Members of the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana v. Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky, Inc.*** (Ind. Ct. App. No. 24A-PL-02467) – Challenge to the abortion abolition law, which also seeks to devise a state constitutional abortion “right.” On June 30, 2023, the Indiana Supreme Court held the state constitution provides a right to an abortion to protect the mother’s life or prevent “a serious health risk,” but the legislature otherwise has broad authority to regulate abortion. Petition for rehearing denied Aug. 21, 2023. Amended complaint and motion for a preliminary injunction filed in the trial court Nov. 9, 2023. Circuit court consolidated the trial with the hearing on the pending preliminary injunction motion Nov. 21, 2023. Bench trial held May 29–31, 2024. Trial court denied the motion for a permanent injunction Sept. 11, 2024. Currently in briefing.
- ***Voices for Life, Inc. v. Indiana Department of Health*** (Ind. Ct. App. No. 24A-MI-02396) – Pro-life case seeking disclosure of abortion records. Complaint filed May 1, 2024. Trial court granted the motion to dismiss Sept. 10, 2024. Currently in briefing.

Iowa

No cases reported.

Kansas

State Court

- ***Hodes & Nauser v. Kobach*** (Kan. No. 124130) – Abortion gestational limits (dismemberment) case. Granted the plaintiffs’ motion for summary judgment to permanently enjoin the law Apr. 7, 2021. Kansas Supreme Court affirmed July 5, 2024.
- ***Hodes & Nauser v. Kobach*** (Kan. Dist. Ct. No. 2023-cv-03140) – Abortion informed consent (abortion pill reversal disclosure) case. Complaint filed June 6, 2023. Motion to dismiss filed Aug. 25, 2023. Trial court issued a temporary injunction Oct. 30, 2023. State appealed. On July 22, 2024, the trial court granted leave for the plaintiffs to add a challenge to H.B. 2749, which directs abortionists to ask each patient the reasons why she is seeking an abortion.
- ***Hodes & Nauser v. Stanek*** (Kan. No. 125051) – Health and safety (licensing) and chemical abortion (telemedicine) case. Trial court granted the plaintiff’s motion for summary judgment. Kansas Supreme Court affirmed July 5, 2024.
- ***Trust Women Foundation Inc. v. Bennett*** (Kan. Dist. Ct. No. 2019-cv-60) – Chemical abortion (telemedicine) case. Kansas Court of Appeals reversed the denial of the temporary injunction and held that Trust Women had standing to sue the Board of Healing Arts. Kansas Supreme Court denied the state officials’ petition for review. Trial court granted a temporary injunction Nov. 23, 2022. District court granted the abortionists’ unopposed motion to stay proceedings Mar. 13, 2023.

Kentucky

Federal District Court

- ***Sisters for Life, Inc. v. Louisville-Jefferson County, KY Metro Government*** (W.D. Ky. Nos. 3:21-cv-367 (lead), 3:21-cv-691) – Sidewalk counselors’ case challenging the

buffer zone law. District court issued a preliminary injunction Jan. 3, 2023. Plaintiffs filed motions for summary judgment Mar. 16, 2023. District court denied defendants' motion to dismiss May 30, 2024. District court granted plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment (free speech, free exercise, Ky. RFRA) but dismiss as forfeited count II (freedom of assembly) Sept. 13, 2024. Currently in litigation over attorney fees.

State Court

- ***Poe v. Coleman*** (Ky. Cir. Ct. No. 24-CI-008072) – Abortion conditional law and gestational limits (heartbeat) case. Complaint filed Nov. 12, 2024.
- ***Sobel v. Cameron*** (Ky. Ct. App. No. 2024-CA-0849) – Abortion conditional law case, alleging a free exercise claim. Circuit court denied plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment and granted defendants' motion for summary judgment June 28, 2024. Currently in briefing before the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Louisiana

Federal District Court

- ***State of Louisiana v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*** (W.D. La. Nos. 2:24-cv-629, 2:24-cv-691) – Administrative law challenge to the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act final rule that contrives abortion protections. Complaint filed May 13, 2024. District court granted in part the state's motion for a preliminary injunction June 17, 2024. Defendants filed a motion to dismiss, or in the alternative, for summary judgment Oct. 10, 2024. Plaintiff-states filed a motion for summary judgment Oct. 10, 2024.

State Court

- ***Birthmark Doula Collective, LLC v. State of Louisiana*** (La. Dist. Ct. No. C-75521733) – Challenge to Louisiana law that classifies the abortion pill regimen as controlled substances. Complaint filed Oct. 31, 2024.
- ***June Medical Services, LLC v. Landry*** (La. Ct. App. No. 2022 CA 1042) – Abortion conditional law case. Preliminary injunction issued July 21, 2022. Court of Appeal lifted the preliminary injunction Aug. 1, 2022. Louisiana Supreme Court denied the abortionists' emergency writ, allowing the conditional law to remain in effect Aug. 12, 2022. Court of Appeal reversed and remanded Aug. 16, 2023.

Maine

No cases reported.

Maryland

Federal District Court

- ***GenBioPro, Inc. v. U.S. Food & Drug Administration*** (D. Md. No. 8:23-cv-1057) – Drug manufacturer seeking to keep its generic chemical abortion drug on the market. Complaint filed Apr. 19, 2023. Case stayed pending *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v.*

U.S. Food & Drug Administration. Status report filed Dec. 16, 2024. District court stayed case for 120 days Dec. 17, 2024.

Massachusetts

Federal District Court

- ***Four Women Health Services, LLC v. Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center Inc.*** (D. Mass. No. 1:24-cv-12283) – Lawsuit against a pregnancy resource center for allegedly accessing patient communications. Four Women Health Services filed an amended complaint Jan. 13, 2025. Defendant filed an amended answer Jan. 22, 2025.

State Court

- ***Doe v. Clearway Clinic, Inc.*** (Mass. Super. Ct. No. 23-000708 C) – Class action against a pregnancy resource center for allegedly deceptive practices. Complaint filed June 22, 2023. Trial court denied Clearway Clinic’s motion to dismiss Jan. 24, 2024.

Michigan

Federal District Court

- ***Right to Life of Michigan v. Whitmer*** (W.D. Mich. No. 1:23-cv-1189) – Pro-life challenge to the state constitutional right to “reproductive freedom.” First amended complaint filed Feb. 20, 2024. Motion to dismiss filed Mar. 19, 2024, which the parties have briefed.
- ***United States of America v. Zastrow*** (E.D. Mich. No. 2:23-cr-20100) – Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act criminal case charging pro-life advocates. Guilty plea entered for Defendant Davis Aug. 9, 2023. District court denied the motion to dismiss and motions to quash Sept. 28, 2023. Sentencing hearing for Defendant Davis held Sept. 18, 2024. Jury trial concluded Aug. 20, 2024 for remaining defendants. Jury verdict of guilty entered for remaining defendants on certain counts Aug. 20, 2024. Judgment entered against Defendant Davis Sept. 19, 2024.

State Court

- ***Northland Family Planning Center v. Nessel*** (Mich. Ct. Cl. No. 24-000011-MM) – Informed consent (reflection period and informational disclosures) and physician-only rule case alleging infringement upon the state constitutional amendment protecting abortion. Complaint and motion for a preliminary injunction filed Feb. 6, 2024. Court granted the State of Michigan’s motion to intervene Mar. 14, 2024. Court of Claims issued a preliminary injunction June 25, 2024. Court of Appeals denied the application for leave to appeal Aug. 21, 2024. Plaintiffs filed a motion for summary judgment Dec. 20, 2024. Bench trial set for Feb. 13, 2025.
- ***The Young Women’s Christian Association of Kalamazoo, Michigan v. State of Michigan*** (Mich. Ct. Cl. No. 24-000093-MM) – Abortion funding restriction case challenging the state “Hyde” Amendment. Complaint filed June 27, 2024. Court of Claims

granted the People of the State of Michigan's motion to intervene Aug. 8, 2024. Intervenor filed a motion for summary disposition Aug. 29, 2024.

Minnesota

Federal District Court

- ***Pro-Life Action Ministries v. City of Minneapolis*** (D. Minn. No. 0:23-cv-853) – Sidewalk counseling case challenging a buffer zone ordinance. Pro-Life Action Ministries accepted the City's offer of judgment Dec. 18, 2024. District Court entered judgment in favor of pro-Life Action Ministries Dec. 19, 2024. Currently in litigation over attorney's fees.
- ***Women's Life Care Center v. Ellison*** (D. Minn. 0:24-cv-4250) – Pro-life challenge to Minnesota's abortion laws under the 14th Amendment. Complaint filed Nov. 22, 2024.

Mississippi

State Court

- ***American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists v. Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure*** (Miss. Ch. Ct. No. 25CH1:22-cv-01371) – Pro-life lawsuit seeking a declaratory judgment that Mississippi's abortion abolition law is lawful under the state constitution. Trial court dismissed the case for lack of standing Oct. 15, 2024.

Missouri

State Court

- ***Blackmon v. State of Missouri*** (Mo. No. SC100786) – Abortion conditional law case alleging state religious claims. State filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings Sept. 20, 2023. Circuit court granted the motion to dismiss the cross-claim petition Sept. 29, 2023. Cross-claimant appealed (Mo. No. SC100367). Missouri Supreme Court sustained the motion to dismiss appeal for lack of standing and ripeness Dec. 18, 2023. Circuit court granted State's motion for judgment on the pleadings June 14, 2024. Petitioners appealed, but then dismissed their appeal because of the state constitutional amendment Nov. 20, 2024.
- ***Comprehensive Health of Planned Parenthood Great Plains v. State of Missouri*** (Mo. Cir. Ct. No. 2416-CV31931) – Omnibus abortion case regarding gestational limits, health and safety, chemical abortion, reporting requirements, informed consent under the state constitutional right to an abortion. Petition for injunctive and declaratory relief filed Nov. 6, 2024.
- ***State of Missouri v. Planned Parenthood Great Plains*** (Miss. Cir. Ct. No. 24BA-CV00990) – Abortion parental involvement case regarding interstate abortion trafficking. Complaint filed Feb. 29, 2024. Circuit court denied Planned Parenthood's motion to dismiss June 18, 2024. Currently in discovery.

Montana

State Court

- ***All Families Healthcare v. State of Montana*** (Mont. No. DA-0040) – Abortion health and safety (clinic licensing) case. Motion to dismiss filed Sept. 22, 2023. Trial court granted the preliminary injunction Nov. 15, 2024. Appealed to the Montana Supreme Court.
- ***Planned Parenthood of Montana v. Montana*** (Mont. No. DA 24-0147) – Abortion “minibus” case regarding 20-week limit, chemical abortion, ultrasound viewing, and fetal heart tone provisions. Trial court granted preliminary injunction Oct. 7, 2021. Montana Supreme Court affirmed on Aug. 15, 2022, refusing to reconsider *Armstrong* at the preliminary injunction stage of litigation. Cross-motions for summary judgment filed Apr. 21, 2023 (abortionists) and May 12, 2023 (State), which are briefed and awaiting oral argument. District court granted Planned Parenthood’s motion for summary judgment Feb. 29, 2024. Appealed to Montana Supreme Court. Case is briefed and awaiting oral argument.
- ***Planned Parenthood of Montana v. Montana*** (Mont. Dist. Ct. No. DV-2023-231) – Abortion gestational limits (dismemberment) case. Amended complaint filed May 3, 2023. State filed a renewed motion to dismiss May 4, 2023. Temporary restraining order issued May 18, 2023. Trial court granted the plaintiffs’ motions for a preliminary injunction July 11, 2023. Plaintiffs filed a motion for summary judgment Sept. 13, 2024. Defendants filed a motion for summary judgment Nov. 8, 2024.
- ***Planned Parenthood of Montana v. Montana*** (Mont. Dist. Ct. No. DV-2013-407) – Abortion challenge to the parental consent law. District court permanently enjoined the parental consent law but ordered a trial on the notification law Feb. 21, 2023. Montana Supreme Court determined minors have a right to abortion and upheld the permanent injunction Aug. 14, 2024.
- ***Planned Parenthood of Montana v. Montana*** (Mont. Dist. Ct. No. DV-2023-299) – Abortion funding restriction case challenging the state “Hyde Amendment.” Amended complaint filed May 18, 2023. Trial court issued a preliminary injunction May 22, 2023. Montana Supreme Court affirmed Oct. 9, 2024. Plaintiffs filed a motion for summary judgment Oct. 16, 2024. Defendants filed a motion for summary judgment Nov. 22, 2024.

Nebraska

State Court

- ***Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, Inc. v. Hilgers*** (Neb. No. S-23-644) – Abortion gestational limits (12 weeks) case challenging Nebraska L.B. 574. District court granted the motion to dismiss and denied the plaintiffs’ motions for a temporary injunction and summary judgment Aug. 11, 2023. Planned Parenthood appealed Aug. 18, 2023. Nebraska Supreme Court affirmed July 26, 2024.

Nevada

State Court

- ***Silver State Hope Fund v. State of Nevada*** (Nev. Dist. Ct. No. A-23-876702-W) – Mandamus action seeking Medicaid funding of abortion under the Nevada Equal Rights Amendment. Petition for a writ of mandamus filed Aug. 28, 2023. Nevada Legislature filed a motion to intervene Dec. 22, 2023. District court denied the Nevada Legislature’s motion to intervene Mar. 7, 2024. District court granted the petition for a writ of mandamus Aug. 8, 2024.

New Hampshire

No cases reported.

New Jersey

U.S. Supreme Court

- ***Turco v. City of Englewood, New Jersey*** (No. 23-1189) – Sidewalk counseling case challenging a buffer zone ordinance. District court entered judgment in favor of the city Aug. 12, 2022. 3d Circuit affirmed Jan. 31, 2024. Sidewalk counselor filed a petition for a writ of certiorari Apr. 30, 2024, which the parties have briefed. The Supreme Court distributed the case for conference.

Federal Court of Appeals

- ***Govatos v. Murphy*** (3d Cir. No. 24-2947) – Assisted suicide case challenging New Jersey’s residency requirements. Complaint filed Aug. 29, 2023. Motion to dismiss filed Jan. 31, 2024. District court granted the motion to dismiss Sept. 18, 2024. Notice of appeal filed Oct. 17, 2024. Currently in briefing before the 3d Circuit.

New Mexico

State Court

- ***City of Eunice v. Torrez*** (N.M. Dist. Ct. No. D-506-CV-202300407) – Pro-life lawsuit seeking to enforce a city ordinance which requires compliance with federal restrictions on the mailing of chemical abortion drugs. Complaint filed Apr. 17, 2023. Proceedings stayed June 2, 2023. Status hearing set for Apr. 1, 2025.
- ***State of New Mexico ex rel. Raul Torrez v. Board of County Commissioners for Lea County*** (N.M. No. S-1-SC-39742) – Mandamus action, which seeks to devise a state constitutional abortion “right.” New Mexico Supreme Court held pro-life ordinances that ensured compliance with the Comstock Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1461–62, were preempted by state law, but the court did not reach the state constitutional question Jan. 9, 2025.

New York

U.S. Supreme Court

- ***Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany v. Harris*** (No. 24-319) – Conscience rights case regarding contraceptive mandate, which also challenges the *Smith* test. New York Court of Appeals affirmed the dismissal of the lawsuit May 21, 2024. Petition for a writ of certiorari filed Sept. 18, 2024, which the parties have briefed. The Supreme Court distributed the case for conference Jan. 10, 2025.

Federal Court of Appeals

- ***CompassCare v. Hochul*** (2d Cir. Nos. 22-951 (lead), 22-1076) – Conscience rights case regarding the abortion-related “Boss Bill.” District court granted the plaintiffs’ motion for summary judgment, denied defendants’ motion for summary judgment, and permanently enjoined defendants from enforcing N.Y. Labor Law § 203-e(6) against any employer Apr. 1, 2022. Appeal and cross-appeal filed. Stay lifted. Oral argument held Dec. 14, 2023. 2d Circuit affirmed in part (dismissal of free speech and free exercise claims), reversed in part (dismissal of expressive-association claim, grant of summary judgment to Plaintiffs regarding the notice provision), and remanded for further proceedings Jan. 2, 2025.
- ***National Institute for Family and Life Advocates v. James*** (2d Cir. Nos. 24-2481 [lead], 24-2630) – Pro-life lawsuit against the N.Y. Attorney General for allegedly chilling the speech of pregnancy resource centers. District court granted the motion for a preliminary injunction Aug. 22, 2024. State appealed Sept. 18, 2024. Plaintiffs appealed Oct. 2, 2024. Currently in briefing before the 2d Circuit.
- ***Smith v. Hochul*** (2d Cir. No. 23-686) – Prenatal rights case regarding the rights of viable unborn children under the Reproductive Health Act. District court denied plaintiffs’ post-*Dobbs* motions seeking to reopen the judgment, next friend appointments, and leave to file an amended complaint Mar. 22, 2023. Appealed to the 2d Circuit. Briefed, with oral argument held Mar. 1, 2024.

Federal District Court

- ***40 Days for Life v. County of Westchester*** (S.D.N.Y. No. 7:22-cv-6950) – Sidewalk counselors’ case challenging a buffer zone law on free speech, free assembly, due process, and free exercise of religion grounds. District court denied the motion for a preliminary injunction Apr. 24, 2023. 2d Circuit affirmed June 3, 2024. County of Westchester filed a motion for summary judgment June 21, 2024, which the parties have briefed.
- ***Crisis Pregnancy Services, Inc. d/b/a/ CompassCare v. Kamke*** (W.D.N.Y. No. 1:23-cv-1057) – Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act civil case seeking damages and injunctive relief for vandalization of a pregnancy resource center. Amended complaint filed Jan. 8, 2024. Motion to dismiss filed Mar. 13, 2024. Motion hearing held Oct. 9, 2024. Amended answer filed Oct. 15, 2024. Defendant filed an amended answer and counterclaim Oct. 15, 2024. Crisis Pregnancy Services filed a motion to dismiss the second amended counterclaims Nov. 22, 2024.

- ***People of the State of New York, by Letitia James v. Red Rose Rescue*** (S.D.N.Y. No. 7:23-cv-4832) – Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act civil case seeking damages and injunctive relief against Red Rose Rescue. Complaint filed June 8, 2023. District court granted the preliminary injunction in part Dec. 7, 2023. State filed a motion for summary judgment Aug. 1, 2024.
- ***Slattery v. Hochul*** (N.D.N.Y. No. 1:20-cv-112) – Conscience rights case regarding the abortion-related “Boss Bill.” District court granted the motion to dismiss. 2d Circuit reversed Evergreen Association’s expressive association claim, affirmed the judgment in all other respects, and remanded for further proceedings Feb. 27, 2023. Answer filed May 5, 2023. District court issued a temporary injunction Dec. 15, 2023. Plaintiff Evergreen Association filed a motion for summary judgment Apr. 26, 2024. State filed a motion for summary judgment Apr. 26, 2024.

State Court

- ***Heartbeat International Inc. v. James*** (N.Y. Sup. Ct. No. E2024007242) – Pro-life lawsuit against the N.Y. Attorney General to protect access to abortion pill reversals. Complaint filed Apr. 30, 2024. Attorney General filed a motion to dismiss May 22, 2024. N.Y. Supreme Court consolidated cases and determined the venue would be in Rochester. Attorney General appealed the consolidation order.

North Carolina

Federal Court of Appeals

- ***Bryant v. Moore*** (4th Cir. Nos. 24-1576, 24-1600, 24-1617) – Chemical abortion case alleging the preemption of pro-life state laws. On Apr. 30, 2024, district court issued an opinion and order granting the defendant-intervenors’ motion for summary judgment in part (informed consent provisions) and denied in part (safety restrictions that the FDA implemented then later removed). District court issued the judgment and permanent injunction on June 3, 2024. Cross-appealed to the 4th Circuit. Parties have briefed the case before the 4th Circuit.

Federal District Court

- ***Planned Parenthood South Atlantic v. Stein*** (M.D.N.C. No. 1:23-cv-480) – Abortion gestational limits (12 weeks) case, alleging due process violations for vagueness and impossibility of compliance among other federal claims for relief. District court granted the motion for a preliminary injunction Sept. 30, 2023. Joint stipulation of partial dismissal filed regarding the vagueness challenge to whether hospitals can use medication to induce abortions in cases of rape or incest after the twelfth week of pregnancy Dec. 1, 2023. District court granted Planned Parenthood’s motion for summary judgment in part (medical documentation of probable gestational age and existence of intrauterine pregnancy) but otherwise denied it July 29, 2024. District court granted defendant-intervenors’ cross-motion for summary judgment in part (hospitalization requirement) but otherwise denied it July 29, 2024.

North Dakota

Federal District Court

- ***Catholic Benefits Association v. Burrows*** (D.N.D. No. 1:24-cv-142) – Administrative law challenge to the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act final rule that contrives abortion protections. District court granted the motion for a preliminary injunction Sept. 23, 2024. Catholic Benefits Association filed motions for summary judgment and a permanent injunction Nov. 12, 2024. Federal Government filed a motion for summary judgment Dec. 6, 2024. The parties have briefed the motions.

State Court

- ***Access Independent Health Services, Inc., d/b/a Red River Women’s Clinic v. Wrigley*** (N.D. No. 20240291) – Abortion conditional law case, which also seeks to devise a state constitutional abortion “right.” District court denied the State’s motion for summary judgment Sept. 12, 2024, finding “a fundamental right to choose abortion before viability exists under the enumerated and unenumerated interests protected by the North Dakota Constitution.” Appealed to the state supreme court. Currently in briefing.

Ohio

Federal District Court

- ***State of Ohio v. Becerra*** (S.D. Ohio No. 1:21-cv-675) – Pro-life challenge that HHS’ 2021 final rule violates abortion funding restrictions. District court denied plaintiffs’ motion for a preliminary injunction. 6th Circuit affirmed in part (program integrity requirements) and reversed in part (abortion referral mandate) Nov. 30, 2023. District court granted Ohio’s unopposed motion for a preliminary injunction to implement the 6th Circuit’s decision June 11, 2024. [Amicus curiae brief on behalf of Americans United for Life](#).

State Court

- ***Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region v. Ohio Department of Health*** (Ohio Ct. C.P. No. A2100870) – Fetal remains case. Amended complaint filed. Granted preliminary injunction. Answer filed Feb. 28, 2022. Planned Parenthood amended its complaint Apr. 16, 2024. Planned Parenthood filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings Aug. 12, 2024, which the parties have briefed.
- ***Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region v. Ohio Department of Health*** (Ohio Ct. C.P. No. A2101148) – Chemical abortion (telemedicine) case. Preliminary injunction issued. Amended complaint filed May 21, 2024. Trial court granted Planned Parenthood’s motion for a preliminary injunction Aug. 29, 2024.
- ***Preterm-Cleveland v. Yost*** (Ohio Ct. App. No. C2400668) – Abortion gestational limits (heartbeat) case. Trial court granted plaintiffs’ motion for judgment on the pleadings Oct. 24, 2024. State appealed.

- ***Women’s Medical Group Professional Corp. v. Vanderhoff*** (Ohio Ct. C.P. No. A2200704) – Abortion health and safety case challenging licensing requirements in S.B. 157. Amended complaint filed Apr. 15, 2024. Answer filed May 29, 2024. Currently in discovery.

Oklahoma

Supreme Court

- ***State of Oklahoma v. United States Department of Health and Human Services*** (No. 24-437) – Pro-life challenge to HHS’ termination of Title X grant funding because Oklahoma won’t commit to providing abortion referrals. Complaint filed Nov. 17, 2023. Motion for a preliminary injunction filed Jan. 26, 2024. Answer filed Feb. 21, 2024. District court denied the motion for a preliminary injunction Mar. 26, 2024. 10th Circuit affirmed July 15, 2024. Supreme Court denied the application for a writ of injunction Sept. 3, 2024. Oklahoma filed a petition for a writ of certiorari in the Supreme Court Oct. 15, 2024. The Supreme Court distributed the case for conference.

State Court

- ***Oklahoma Call for Reproductive Justice v. O’Connor*** (Okla. Dist. Ct. No. CV-2021-2072) – Abortion “minibus” case regarding heartbeat, licensing, physician-only, and chemical abortion provisions, and abortion abolition case. Temporary injunction granted in part and denied in part Oct. 7, 2021. Oklahoma Supreme Court vacated and remanded for further proceedings on the merits Nov. 14, 2023. Oklahoma Supreme Court denied the State’s petition for rehearing Feb. 5, 2024. State filed a motion to dismiss in the district court Mar. 8, 2024. Motion to dismiss hearing held Apr. 17, 2024.
- ***Tulsa Women’s Reproductive Clinic v. Hunter*** (Okla. Dist. Ct. No. CV-2019-2176) – Chemical abortion (pill reversal) case. District court granted unopposed motion to expand the temporary injunction Oct. 1, 2021. Hearing held Nov. 12, 2024 for disposition for failure to prosecute case.

Oregon

Federal Court of Appeals

- ***Oregon Right to Life v. Stolfi*** (9th Cir. No. 24-6650) – Conscience rights case challenging abortion and contraception insurance mandates. District court granted the motion to dismiss Sept. 30, 2024. Oregon Right to Life appealed to the 9th Circuit. Oregon Right to Life filed a motion for injunction pending appeal in the district court (D. Or. No. 6:23-cv-1282) on Nov. 4, 2024, which the parties have briefed. The appeal is currently in briefing before the 9th Circuit.

Pennsylvania

Federal District Court

- ***Parker v. Shapiro*** (E.D. Pa. No. 2:24-cv-2279) – *Pro se* assisted suicide case seeking to legalize the practice in Pennsylvania. Complaint filed June 3, 2024. Plaintiff filed a motion for a preliminary injunction June 10, 2024. Philadelphia District Attorney filed a motion to dismiss July 1, 2024. Commonwealth defendants filed motions to dismiss July 19, 2024. Federal defendants filed a motion to dismiss Aug. 9, 2024.
- ***United States of America v. Connolly*** (E.D. Pa. No. 2:24-cv-4467) – Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act civil case seeking damages and injunctive relief against an anti-abortion protestor who barricaded himself inside a Planned Parenthood clinic’s restroom. Complaint filed Aug. 26, 2024. Connolly filed a motion to dismiss Jan. 8, 2025.

State Court

- ***Allegheny Reproductive Health Center v. Pennsylvania Department of Human Services*** (Penn. Commw. Ct. No. 26 MD 2019) – Abortion funding (Medicaid) case regarding a state “Hyde Amendment.” Trial court ruled for the State. Commonwealth Court affirmed. Pennsylvania Supreme Court reversed and remanded for further proceedings Jan. 29, 2024, holding a sex-based distinction is presumptively unconstitutional under state equal protection principles, and there is a state constitutional right to reproductive autonomy. Abortionists filed an application for summary relief July 19, 2024. Oral argument set for Feb. 5, 2025. [Amicus curiae brief on behalf of Americans United for Life.](#)

Rhode Island

No cases reported.

South Carolina

Supreme Court

- ***Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*** (No. 23-1275) – Abortion funding case regarding South Carolina’s exclusion of abortion businesses as “qualified” Medicaid providers. District court issued declaratory judgment and permanent injunction. 4th Circuit affirmed. State filed a petition for a writ of certiorari in the Supreme Court May 6, 2022. Supreme Court granted, vacated, and remanded for further consideration in light of *Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana v. Talevski*. The parties filed supplemental briefing in the 4th Circuit. Fourth Circuit affirmed Mar. 5, 2024. Supreme Court granted State’s petition for a writ of certiorari Dec. 18, 2024. [Amicus curiae brief on behalf of Americans United for Life.](#)

State Court

- ***Planned Parenthood South Atlantic v. South Carolina*** (S.C. No. 2024-000997) – Abortion gestational limits (heartbeat) case, seeking to clarify the question of when the

heartbeat law bans abortion. Complaint and motion for a temporary injunction filed Feb. 5, 2024. Governor McMaster filed a motion to intervene Feb. 7, 2024. Governor McMaster filed a motion to dismiss Feb. 23, 2024. State filed a motion to dismiss Mar. 4, 2024. Director of S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control filed a motion to dismiss Apr. 5, 2024. Trial court denied the motion for a preliminary injunction May 16, 2024. S.C. Supreme Court certified the appeal June 20, 2024. Briefing has concluded. Oral argument is set for Feb. 12, 2025.

South Dakota

No cases reported.

Tennessee

Federal Court of Appeals

- ***State of Tennessee v. Becerra*** (6th Cir. No. 24-05220) – Pro-life challenge to HHS' termination of Title X grant funding because Tennessee won't commit to providing abortion referrals. Complaint filed Oct. 24, 2023. District court denied the motion for a preliminary injunction Mar. 11, 2024. 6th Circuit affirmed Aug. 26, 2024. Tennessee filed a petition for rehearing *en banc* Oct. 9, 2024.
- ***State of Tennessee v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*** (8th Cir. No. 24-2249) – Administrative law challenge to the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act final rule that contrives abortion protections. Complaint filed Apr. 25, 2024. District court ruled the states lack standing and dismissed the motion for a preliminary injunction as moot June 14, 2024. Appealed to the 8th Circuit. Oral argument held Sept. 24, 2024.
- ***United States of America v. Gallagher*** (6th Cir. No. 24-5615 [lead], 24-5640, 24-5643, 24-5647, 24-5811, 24-5913, 24-5928, 24-5929) – Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act criminal case charging pro-life advocates. Defendant Davis pled guilty Oct. 12, 2023. Jury verdict of guilty for six defendants Jan. 30, 2024. Bench trial held Apr. 2, 2024 for remaining four defendants, in which the district court found them guilty. Sentencing hearings held Apr. 24, July 3 & 30, Sept. 26 & 27, 2024. Appeals are pending in the 6th Circuit regarding certain defendants, which are currently in briefing.
- ***Welty v. Dunaway*** (6th Cir. No. 24-5968) – Abortion parental involvement case regarding interstate abortion trafficking law. Complaint filed June 24, 2024. District court granted the preliminary injunction Sept. 20, 2024. District court granted defendants' motion to dismiss in part (regarding certain defendants) but denied in part (remaining claims) Sept. 20, 2024. State appealed the order on the motion to dismiss. In the district court (M.D. Tenn. No. 3:24-cv-768), Welty filed a motion for summary judgment Nov. 12, 2024. State filed a motion for summary judgment in the district court Jan. 16, 2025. Appeal is currently in briefing.

Federal District Court

- ***Catholic Benefits Association v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*** (M.D. Tenn. No. 3:25-cv-48) – Pro-life challenge to the EMTALA abortion mandate. Complaint filed Jan. 10, 2025.

State Court

- ***Blackmon v. State of Tennessee*** (Tenn. Ch. Ct. No. 23-1196-I) – Pro-abortion challenge to the abortion law’s medical exceptions. Tennessee Supreme Court designated a three-judge panel for the case Sept. 21, 2023. Amended complaint and motion for a temporary injunction filed Jan. 8, 2024. Motion to dismiss the amended complaint filed Jan. 31, 2024. Hearings held Apr. 4, 2024. Trial court granted in part the plaintiffs’ motion for a preliminary injunction Oct. 17, 2024.

Texas

Federal Court of Appeals

- ***State of Texas v. McHenry*** (5th Cir. No. 24-10386) – Challenge to the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. District court granted in part (Quorum Clause challenge) but denied in part (Case Management Pilot Program challenge) Texas’ motion for a preliminary injunction Feb. 27, 2024. District court granted in part (for lack of standing to challenge Case Management Pilot Program) and denied in part (Pregnant Workers Fairness Act challenge) the motion to dismiss Feb. 27, 2024. Texas appealed. Case is briefed, with oral argument set for Feb. 25, 2025 before the 5th Circuit.
- ***United States of America ex rel. Doe v. Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc.*** (5th Cir. No. 23-11184) – False Claims Act lawsuit alleging Planned Parenthood engaged in civil fraud. District court granted in part plaintiffs’ motions for summary judgment. District court stayed proceedings pending the Fifth Circuit appeal Jan. 11, 2024. Parties briefed the 5th Circuit, and the court heard oral argument on Mar. 13, 2024.
- ***Yelp Inc. v. Paxton*** (9th Cir. No. 24-581) – Case seeking to prevent Texas from prosecuting Yelp under Texas state law for anti-pregnancy resource center speech. Complaint filed Sept. 27, 2023. Motion for a preliminary injunction filed Oct. 2, 2023. Motion hearing held Nov. 7, 2023. District court denied plaintiff’s motion for a preliminary injunction. Appealed to the 9th Circuit. Briefed, with oral argument held Dec. 4, 2024.

Federal District Court

- ***Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. U.S. Food & Drug Administration*** (N.D. Tex. No. 2:22-cv-223) – Pro-life challenge to the FDA’s approval and deregulation of chemical abortion drugs. Supreme Court held Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine does not have standing June 13, 2024. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine filed a notice of voluntary dismissal Nov. 19, 2024. District court granted the Intervenor-States motion for leave to file an amended complaint and denied as moot the FDA and Danco’s motions to dismiss Jan. 16, 2025. Intervenor-States filed an amended complaint Jan. 16, 2025. FDA filed a motion to dismiss the Intervenor-States’ amended complaint Jan. 18, 2025. [Americans United for Life’s amici curiae brief on behalf of 145 Members of Congress. Amicus curiae brief on behalf of Americans United for Life.](#)
- ***Brandon & Clark, Inc. v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*** (N.D. Tex. No. 5:24-cv-173) – Administrative law challenge to the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act final rule that contrives abortion protections. Complaint filed July 22, 2024. Motion for a preliminary injunction filed July 23, 2024. The district court granted plaintiff’s request

to convert its motion for a preliminary injunction to a motion for summary judgment Jan. 17, 2025.

- ***Gonzalez v. Ramirez*** (S.D. Tex. No. 7:24-cv-132) – A woman’s lawsuit seeking damages for wrongful arrest and prosecution for self-inducing an abortion. Amended complaint filed Apr. 11, 2024. Motions to dismiss filed May 1 & May 29, 2024. Answer filed Aug. 4, 2024. Currently in discovery.
- ***Purl v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*** (N.D. Tex. No. 2:24-cv-228) – Challenge to abortion protections within HIPAA final rule. Complaint filed Oct. 21, 2024. District court granted the motion for a preliminary injunction Dec. 22, 2024.
- ***State of Texas v. United States Department of Health and Human Services*** (N.D. Tex. No. 5:24-cv-204) – Pro-life challenge to the abortion protections within HHS’ final rule regarding HIPAA. Complaint filed Sept. 4, 2024. HHS filed a motion to dismiss or, in the alternative, motion for summary judgment Jan. 17, 2025. City of Columbus, OH, City of Madison, WI, and Doctors for America filed a motion for leave to intervene Jan. 17, 2025.
- ***The Satanic Temple, Inc. v. Texas Health and Human Service Commission*** (S.D. Tex. No. 4:21-cv-387) – Abortion informed consent (ultrasound) law alleging infringement on free exercise of religion. District court granted the motion to dismiss July 3, 2023. Appealed, but then the appellants dismissed the appeal indicating they would replead. No recent action.

State Court

- ***North Texas Equal Access Fund v. Maxwell*** (Tex. No. 24-0289) – Abortion gestational limits case regarding the Texas Heartbeat Act (S.B. 8). Trial court granted the motion to dismiss. Texas Court of Appeals affirmed. Petition for review filed in the Texas Supreme Court May 15, 2024. Currently in briefing on the merits.
- ***San Antonio Family Association v. City of San Antonio*** (Tex. Ct. App. No. 04-24-00300-CV) – Pro-life challenge to San Antonio’s appropriations for abortion travel. Plea to the jurisdiction filed Jan. 30, 2024. Second amended petition filed Mar. 18, 2024. District court granted the plea to the jurisdiction Apr. 24, 2024. Appealed to Texas Court of Appeals. Submitted on the briefs to the Texas Court of Appeals Oct. 4, 2024.
- ***Silva v. Noyola*** (Tex. Dist. Ct. No. 23-CV-0375) – Abortion case alleging the wrongful death of an aborted unborn child. Amended petition filed Apr. 29, 2024. Case settled Oct. 11, 2024.
- ***State of Texas v. Carpenter*** (Tex. Dist. Ct. No. 471-08943-2024) – Injunctive action against New York abortionist who prescribed and mailed abortifacients to a Texas woman without a Texas medical license. Petition and application for temporary and permanent injunctive relief filed Dec. 12, 2024.
- ***State of Texas v. City of Austin*** (Tex. Dist. Ct. No. D-1-GN-24-007571) – Abortion funding restriction case to ensure City of Austin does not illegally fund abortions. Original petition and application for temporary restraining order and injunctive relief filed Sept. 26, 2024.
- ***State of Texas v. Yelp Inc.*** (Tex. Ct. App. No. 15-24-00040-CV) – Lawsuit alleging Yelp engaged in deceptive trade practices by making anti-pregnancy resource center “consumer notices” on the centers’ business pages. Original petition filed Sept. 28, 2023. Trial court dismissed the lawsuit Feb. 28, 2024. Texas appealed. Case is briefed before the Texas Court of Appeals.

- ***State of Texas v. Zurawski*** (Tex. Dist. Ct. No. D-1-GN-23-968) – Pro-abortion challenge to the exceptions within Texas’ abortion abolition laws. District court issued a temporary injunction and denied the amended plea to the jurisdiction Aug. 4, 2023. Appeal filed. In the district court, plaintiffs filed an amended petition for declaratory judgment and application for temporary and permanent injunction to add additional plaintiffs to the case Nov. 14, 2023 (Tex. Dist. Ct. No. D-1-GN-23-000968). Texas Supreme Court vacated and remanded May 31, 2024. Plaintiffs filed a voluntary nonsuit June 28, 2024.
- ***Texas Right to Life v. Van Stean*** (Tex. No. 23-0468) – Abortion gestational limits case regarding the Texas Heartbeat Act (S.B. 8). Trial court declared certain civil procedures unconstitutional and issued a declaratory judgment Dec. 9, 2021. Texas Court of Appeals affirmed the denial of the motion to dismiss May 26, 2023. Texas Supreme Court reversed and remanded because the court of appeals erred by failing to address standing Nov. 22, 2024.
- ***Weldon v. The Lilith Fund for Reproductive Equity*** (Tex. No. 24-0250) – Abortion gestational limits case regarding the Texas Heartbeat Act (S.B. 8). Weldon’s motion to dismiss was denied by operation law. Court of Appeals affirmed. Petition for review filed in Supreme Court May 22, 2024. Currently in briefing.
- ***Zimmerman v. City of Austin*** (Tex. Dist. Ct. No. D-1-GN-19-005930) – Abortion funding case regarding city budget allocations of taxpayer money to abortion-assistance organizations. District court granted the defendants’ plea to the jurisdiction. Texas Court of Appeals affirmed. Texas Supreme Court vacated and remanded the case for further proceedings Dec. 30, 2022. Plaintiffs filed a second amended petition and application for temporary injunction Aug. 20, 2024. Defendants filed a motion to dismiss Oct. 21, 2024. [Amicus curiae brief filed on behalf of Americans United for Life.](#)

Utah

State Court

- ***Planned Parenthood Association of Utah v. State of Utah*** (Utah No. 20220696) – Abortion conditional law case, which also seeks to devise a state constitutional abortion “right.” Complaint filed June 25, 2022. Trial court granted a preliminary injunction July 11, 2022. The case is briefed before the Utah Supreme Court. Abortionists filed an amended complaint in the trial court (Utah Dist. Ct. No. 220903886), adding a challenge to H.B. 467, which institutes a hospital-only rule by prohibiting the licensing of new abortion clinics or relicensing of current abortion clinics. Trial court issued a preliminary injunction May 2, 2023. Utah Supreme Court held Planned Parenthood had standing and upheld the preliminary injunction Aug. 1, 2024.

Vermont

Federal District Court

- ***National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Clark*** (D. Vt. No. 2:23-cv-229) – Free speech case challenging a law that criminalizes the “deceptive practices” of pregnancy centers. Amended complaint filed Nov. 7, 2023. Amended motion to dismiss filed Dec. 18, 2023. District court granted in part (vagueness claim) and denied in part

(remaining claims) the motion to dismiss June 14, 2024. Answer filed July 31, 2024. Currently in discovery.

Virginia

Federal District Court

- ***Whole Woman's Health Alliance v. United States Food & Drug Administration*** (W.D. Va. No. 3:23-cv-19) – Chemical abortion case challenging 2023 REMS. District court denied the motion for a preliminary injunction Aug. 21, 2023. Whole Woman's Health filed a motion for summary judgment Oct. 23, 2024. HHS filed a cross-motion for summary judgment Dec. 18, 2024.

Washington

Federal Court of Appeals

- ***Cedar Park Assembly of God of Kirkland, Washington v. Kreidler*** (9th Cir. Nos. 23-35560 [lead], 23-35585) – Conscience rights case challenging Wash. S.B. 6219, which requires Washington employers to provide abortion and abortifacient coverage in employee health plans. District court denied the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment and granted the defendants' motion for summary judgment July 25, 2023. The appeal and cross-appeal are currently before the 9th Circuit. Oral argument held Aug. 15, 2024.
- ***McCarthy v. Amazon.com, Inc.*** (9th Cir. No. 23-35584) – Assisted suicide case regarding Amazon's alleged sale of suicide kits to children. District court granted the motion to dismiss June 27, 2023. Appealed Sept. 6, 2023. Case is briefed, and the 9th Circuit heard oral argument on Dec. 4, 2024. 9th Circuit withdrew submission of the case and deferred it until resolution of *Scott v. Amazon.com, Inc.* (Wash. Ct. App. No. 84933-6-I).

Federal District Court

- ***Obria Group, Inc. v. Ferguson*** (W.D. Wash. No. 3:23-cv-6093) – Pregnancy resource center case seeking an injunction of civil investigative demands. Third amended complaint filed June 21, 2024. Defendant filed a motion to dismiss July 22, 2024. Plaintiffs filed a motion for summary judgment and permanent injunction Aug. 26, 2024, which they withdrew Sept. 19, 2024. District court granted the State's motion to dismiss Jan. 3, 2025.
- ***State of Washington v. Food & Drug Administration*** (E.D. Wash. No. 1:23-cv-3026) – Chemical abortion case challenging 2023 REMS. District court granted in part the motion for a preliminary injunction Apr. 7, 2023. District court denied the pro-life states' motion to intervene Apr. 21, 2023. Proposed intervenors-states appealed. 9th Circuit affirmed in part (intervention as of right) and dismissed in part (permissive intervention) July 24, 2024. Plaintiffs filed a motion for summary judgment Oct. 10, 2024. FDA filed a cross-motion for summary judgment Dec. 11, 2024.

West Virginia

Federal Court of Appeals

- ***GenBioPro, Inc. v. Raynes*** (4th Cir. No. 23-2194) – Chemical abortion case alleging preemption of state abortion abolition statute. District court denied the motions regarding the standing issue but held in abeyance remaining issues May 2, 2023. District court granted in part (telemedicine restriction) and denied in part (remaining claims) the motions to dismiss Aug. 24, 2023. Amended complaint filed Oct. 19, 2023. District court dismissed plaintiff's first amendment complaint Nov. 9, 2023. Appealed and currently in briefing before the 4th Circuit. Oral argument held Oct. 29, 2024. [Amicus curiae brief on behalf of Americans United for Life.](#)

Wisconsin

Federal District Court

- ***United States of America v. Roychowdhury*** (7th Cir. No. 24-1698) – Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act criminal case alleging the firebombing of a Madison pregnancy resource center. Complaint filed Mar. 27, 2023. District court denied the motion to dismiss Aug. 29, 2023. Guilty plea entered Dec. 1, 2023. Sentencing held Apr. 10, 2024. Appeal docketed Apr. 25, 2024. Appeal suspended pending the 7th Circuit's resolution of *United States v. Bowyer* (7th Cir. No. 23-3169), which concerns the issue of whether the judge's interruptions during the defendant's allocution violated his right to allocate. 7th Circuit granted the appellant's motion to voluntarily dismiss the appeal Nov. 8, 2024.

State Court

- ***Kaul v. Urmanski*** (Wis. No. 2023AP2362) – Abortion case challenging the pre-*Roe* law. Urmanski filed motions to dismiss the amended complaint and dismiss the intervenors' complaint Nov. 30, 2022. Oral argument held May 4, 2023. Trial court denied the motions to dismiss July 7, 2023. Motions for judgment on the pleadings filed Aug. 7, 2023. Trial court held the pre-*Roe* law does not apply to consensual abortions. Trial court denied Urmanski's motion for reconsideration and reaffirmed the pre-*Roe* law does not apply to consensual abortions. Appealed to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. Urmanski filed a petition to bypass Feb. 20, 2024. Kaul filed a supplemental petition in support of the request to bypass the Court of Appeals Feb. 27, 2024. Pro-life groups filed a motion to intervene Mar. 12, 2024. Wisconsin Supreme Court granted the petition to bypass July 2, 2024. Case is briefed, with oral argument held Nov. 11, 2024.
- ***Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin v. Kaul*** (Wis. No. 2024AP330) – Original action challenging the pre-*Roe* law, which also seeks to devise a state constitutional abortion "right." Petition filed Feb. 22, 2024. Wisconsin Supreme Court denied Wisconsin Right to Life's motion to intervene as of right and motion of permissive intervention July 2, 2024. Roman Catholic Archbishop of Milwaukee, Wis. filed a petition to intervene July 15, 2024. State plaintiffs in *Kaul v. Urmanski* (Wis. No. 2023AP262) filed a motion to intervene as petitioners July 16, 2024.

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State Court

- ***Johnson v. State of Wyoming*** (Wyo. Dist. Ct. No. 18853) – Abortion case challenging the Life is a Human Right Act, Wyoming’s abortion abolition law, which also seeks to devise a state constitutional abortion “right.” Trial court granted a temporary restraining order against the Life is a Human Right Act Apr. 17, 2023. Trial court granted a temporary restraining order against the chemical abortion abolition law June 22, 2023. Trial court denied the state legislators’ motion to intervene Aug. 4, 2023. Plaintiffs filed a motion for summary judgment in the trial court Sept. 18, 2023. Trial court granted a temporary restraining order Sept. 19, 2023. State filed a cross-motion for summary judgment Oct. 5, 2023. The Wyoming Supreme Court affirmed the denial of the state legislators’ motion to intervene Feb. 2, 2024 (Wyo. No. S-23-0196). District court certified questions to the Wyoming Supreme Court Mar. 18, 2024. Wyoming Supreme Court declined to answer certified questions Apr. 9, 2024. Trial court issued a permanent injunction Nov. 18, 2024.