

# 2025 Q2 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. District court granted in part (most right-to-travel claims, freedom-of-speech claims, and expressive-conduct claim as to funding) and denied in part (expressive-conduct claim as to transportation) plaintiffs' motions for summary judgment Mar. 31, 2025. District court granted in part (expressive-conduct claim as to transportation) defendant's motion for summary judgment Mar. 31. 2025.

### 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 entered the parties' joint stipulation of dismissal and dissolved the preliminary injunction as moot Apr. 15, 2025.

### 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 ban and 15-week gestational limit. Complaint filed Dec. 3, 2024. Trial court granted the plaintiffs' motion for judgment on the pleadings Mar. 5, 2025.

### **Arkansas**

No cases reported.

#### California

# **Federal Court of Appeals**

- Lopez v. City of San Diego (9th Cir. No. 25-2162) 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. District court granted the city's motion to dismiss Mar. 21, 2025, and denied as moot the plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction Mar. 21, 2025. Plaintiff appealed. Opening brief due June 12, 2025.
- 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. 9th Circuit affirmed attorney's fees and costs Apr. 23, 2025.
- *National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Bonta* (9th Cir. No. 25-2287) Pro-life case to protect access to abortion pill reversal treatments. District court denied the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction Mar. 6, 2025. The appeal is currently in briefing.
- 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 held for Mar. 26, 2025. Submission in the cases is vacated pending a final en banc decision and mandate in Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans v. Mayes (9th Cir. No. 16490) [not listed in this report since it concerns election law].
- 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 held for Mar. 26, 2025. Submission in the cases is vacated pending a final en banc decision and mandate in Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans v. Mayes (9th Cir. No. 16490) [not listed in this report since it concerns election law].

### **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. Amended complaint filed Jan. 27, 2025. District court granted the city's motion to dismiss in part without leave to amend (facial overbreadth and vagueness claims) and with leave to amend (facial free speech claim),

- and denied in part (as-applied free speech claim) the motion June 2, 2025, as well as directed the plaintiff to file an amended complaint within 21 days of the order.
- 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. District court granted Colorado, Michigan, and Nevada's motion to intervene Mar. 31, 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. Motion hearing held Feb. 7, 2025.

### 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. Trial court ruled for the state Jan. 15, 2025.
- *Nusslock v. St. Joseph Health of Northern California, LLC* (Cal. Sup. Ct. No. CV2500674) Pro-abortion lawsuit seeking to require a Catholic hospital to perform emergency abortions. Complaint filed Apr. 1, 2025.
- *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 demurrer 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. Defendants Weiser and board members filed motions for summary judgment Jan.

- 31, 2025. Intervenor Mynyk and plaintiff Bella Health filed motions for summary judgment Jan. 31, 2025. The parties have briefed the motions.
- *McComas v. Polis* (D. Colo. No. 1:25-cv-1618) Assisted suicide case challenging Colorado's residency requirements. Complaint filed May 22, 2025.

#### Connecticut

No cases reported.

## **Delaware**

# **Federal District Court**

• *National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Jennings* (D. Del. No. 1:25-cv-173) – Free speech case concerning disclosure signage at pregnancy centers. Complaint filed Feb. 12, 2025. Plaintiffs filed a motion for a preliminary injunction Mar. 3, 2025.

### **District of Columbia**

### Federal Court of Appeals

• *United States of America v. Handy* (D.C. Cir. Nos. [lead], 24-3061, 24-3063, 24-3064, 24-3086) – Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act criminal case charging prolife 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. D.C. Circuit granted the U.S.' motion to vacate the convictions and remand for dismissal following President Trump's pardon of the prolife advocates Feb. 27, 2025.

### 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 senior FDA officials, White House counsel, and foreign actors regarding chemical abortion drugs. Complaint filed Oct. 2, 2024. Answer filed Dec. 23, 2024. Status report filed Mar. 13, 2025.
- 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 has concluded. Summary judgment motions are due Aug. 1, 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. Stipulation of dismissal filed May 14, 2025 following the production of 4,348 pages of records.

# **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.
- *United States of America v. Freestone* (11th Cir. No. 8:23-cr-25) Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act criminal case alleging vandalization 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. Defendant Oropesa filed an appeal, which the parties have briefed.

### State Court

- **Doe v. Uthmeier** (Fla. Ct. App. No. 5D2025-1363) Parental involvement case concerning a judicial bypass. Court of appeal affirmed the denial of the judicial bypass and certified questions to the state supreme court about whether the maturity and best-interests judicial waiver procedures comport with parental rights under the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution May 14, 2025.
- *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. Parties filed a joint stipulation of dismissal Feb. 18, 2025.

### 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 previability 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. Georgia Supreme Court vacated the trial court's order and remanded the case for the trial court to reconsider the issue of plaintiffs' standing Feb. 20, 2025.

#### Guam

# Federal Court of Appeals

• Guam Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists v. Moylan (9th Cir. No. 23-15602)

- Case addressing whether to lift a permanent injunction, which was based solely on Roe v. Wade, against a 1990 abortion ban under Rule 60(b). On Apr. 28, 2025, the 9th Circuit dismissed the appeal as moot in light of In re Guerrero, 2023 Guam 11 (Guam Oct. 31, 2023), which had determined that the Guam Legislature had repealed the abortion law by implication. Appellant filed a petition for panel rehearing and petition for rehearing en banc May 12, 2025.

#### 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. Defendants filed a cross-motion for summary judgment Dec. 3, 2024. Motion hearing set for Aug. 22, 2025.

#### Idaho

# Federal Court of Appeals

- 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 held 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. The parties filed a stipulation of dismissal in the district court (D. Idaho No. 1:22-cv-329) Mar. 5, 2025. 9th Circuit dismissed the case pursuant to the parties' stipulated agreement Mar. 13, 2025. Americans United for Life's amici curiae brief on behalf of 121 Members of Congress.

### Federal District Court

• *Matsumoto v. Labrador* (D. Idaho No. 1:23-cv-323) – 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. Answer filed Apr. 9, 2025.

- Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawaii, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky v. Labrador (D. Idaho No. 1:23-cv-142) 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 parties filed a status report in the district court indicating they are working on finalizing a settlement May 30, 2025.
- *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. Trial court entered judgment that broadened the medical exception within the law Apr. 11, 2025.
- *Idahoans United for Women and Families v. Labrador* (Idaho No. 52636-2025) Ballot initiative case seeking the court's review of the short and long ballot titles, as well as the fiscal impact statement of the pro-abortion ballot initiative. Petition for writs of certiorari and mandamus filed Jan. 30, 2025. Oral argument held Apr. 25, 2025.

### 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. Supreme Court denied the petition for a writ of certiorari Feb. 24, 2025, although Justice Alito would grant the petition and Justice Thomas dissented from the denial of certiorari.

# Federal Court of Appeals

• **Schroeder v. Treto** (7th Cir. Nos. 25-1603 [lead], 25-1655, 25-1659, 25-1657) – Free speech case regarding an anti-pregnancy center law. District court ruled one section is compelled speech by requiring a discussion about the risks and benefits of childbirth and abortion, but a separate section merely regulates professional conduct by directing clinicians to refer or transfer a patient upon request Apr. 4, 2025. Cross-appeals filed in the 7th Circuit. Currently in briefing.

### **Federal District Court**

• Students for Life of America v. Gillespie (N.D. Ill. No. 1:24-cv-11928) – Pro-life challenge to an abortion insurance mandate, raising claims under the First and Fourteenth Amendments, Comstock Act's mail-order abortion rules, Coates-Snowe and Weldon Amendments, and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Second amended complaint filed Feb. 27, 2025. Defendant filed a motion to dismiss Mar. 31, 2025.

### 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. 7th Circuit vacated oral argument for Apr. 3, 2025, and will reschedule it by a separate order. 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 ban 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

• *Scifres v. Commissioner, Indiana Department of Health* (S.D. Ind. No. 1:24-cv-2262) – Challenge to the reporting requirements under HIPAA theory. Complaint filed Dec. 23, 2024. Motion for a preliminary injunction filed Dec. 31, 2024, which the parties have briefed. Answer filed Feb. 10, 2025.

# **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 ban 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 Dec. 2, 2025.
- **Bernard v. Indiana State Health Commissioner** (Ind. Ct. App. No. 25A-PL-00782) Abortionists' lawsuit seeking a declaratory judgment that terminated pregnancy reports are exempt from general disclosure requirements in Indiana's Access to Public Records Act. Complaint filed Feb. 6, 2025. Trial court issued a preliminary injunction Mar. 24, 2025. State filed an interlocutory appeal Apr. 17, 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 ban 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. Parties have briefed the Indiana Court of Appeals.
- *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. Plaintiff appealed the case to the court of appeals, but then voluntarily dismissed it following a settlement with the state.

#### Iowa

No cases reported.

#### Kansas

#### State Court

- *Hodes & Nauser v. Kobach* (Kan. Dist. Ct. No. 2023-cv-03140) Abortion informed consent (abortion pill reversal disclosure, reflection period) 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.
- *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.
- *Vernon v. Kobach* (Kan. Dist. Ct. No. DG-2025-CV-000252) End-of-life case concerning restrictions on the effect of advance health care directives during pregnancy. Complaint filed May 29, 2025.

# 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's 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. Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed the case June 2, 2025.
- **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. Kentucky Court of Appeals heard oral arguments Mar. 24, 2025.

## 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. District court vacated the "abortion accommodation mandate" and remanded the Final Rule to the EEOC May 21, 2025.

#### 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. Trial court denied the state's peremptory exceptions May 15, 2025.

### 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 Apr. 17, 2025.

# 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 Choose Life Marketing filed an amended answer Jan. 22, 2025. Pro-life center filed a motion to dismiss Mar. 14, 2025. Defendant Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings Apr. 4, 2025.

# **State Court**

• **Bethlehem House, Inc. v. Reproductive Equity Now Foundation, Inc.** (Mass. Super. Ct. No. 2580CV00009) – Pregnancy center's defamation lawsuit against a pro-abortion organization for allegedly discrediting the pregnancy center by baselessly accusing it of deceiving women. Complaint filed Jan. 29, 2025. Answer filed Mar. 21, 2025.

# 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. District court granted the government's motion to dismiss pursuant to the presidential pardon Mar. 19, 2025.

# State Court

- *Markiewicz v. Markiewicz* (Mich. No. 166782) In vitro fertilization case that includes a divorce dispute over control of cryogenically-frozen embryos. Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's order that awarded the embryos to the husband Dec. 7, 2023. State supreme court declined to review the case, but a concurrence highlights the various legal issues presented in custody disputes over cryogenically frozen embryos and calls upon the state legislature to settle these issues Apr. 25, 2025.
- 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. Trial court denied plaintiffs' and intervening defendant's crossmotions for summary disposition Jan. 21, 2025. Bench trial concluded Feb. 21, 2025. Court of claims held the provisions are unconstitutional and not severable May 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. Intervenors filed a motion for summary disposition Aug. 29, 2024. Hearing held Jan. 23, 2025.

#### 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. District court entered satisfaction of judgment Apr. 23 & May 30, 2025.
- 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. State filed a motion to dismiss Mar. 21, 2025. Plaintiffs filed a motion for a preliminary injunction Apr. 4, 2025. Amended complaint filed Apr. 11, 2025. State filed a motion to dismiss Apr. 18, 2025. Abortion providers filed a motion to dismiss Apr. 22, 2025.

### **Mississippi**

### State Court

• American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists v. Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (Miss. No. 2024-SA-01281) – Pro-life lawsuit seeking a declaratory judgment that Mississippi's abortion ban law is lawful under the state constitution. Trial court dismissed the case for lack of standing Oct. 15, 2024. Appeal filed Nov. 15, 2024.

#### Missouri

# State Court

- 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. Trial court issued preliminary injunctive relief Dec. 20, 2024 and Feb. 14, 2025. Missouri Supreme Court issued a peremptory writ directing the trial court to vacate the order granting preliminary injunctive relief in light of the correct preliminary injunction standard May 27, 2025. Trial court vacated the preliminary injunction May 28, 2025.
- **Right by You v. State of Missouri** (Mo. Cir. Ct. No. 2516-CV13783) Abortion parental involvement case challenging the parental consent law under the theory it violates the state constitutional amendment. Petition for injunctive and declaratory relief filed Apr. 30, 2025.
- State of Missouri v. Planned Parenthood Great Plains (Mo. 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. Trial court denied Planned Parenthood's motion to dismiss the lawsuit due to the state constitutional amendment Apr. 28, 2025.

#### Montana

# Supreme Court

• Montana v. Planned Parenthood of Montana (No. 24-745) – 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. State filed a petition for a writ of certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court Jan. 10, 2025, which the parties have briefed. The petition is distributed for the June 18, 2025 conference. Amicus curiae brief on behalf of Americans United for Life.

# **State Court**

- *All Families Healthcare v. State of Montana* (Mont. No. DA 25-0040) 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. Currently in briefing.
- *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. District court granted Planned Parenthood's motion for summary judgment Feb. 29, 2024. Montana Supreme Court affirmed June 9, 2025.

- *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. Trial court granted the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment and denied the state's motion for summary judgment Mar. 7, 2025.
- 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. Trial court granted plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment and denied the state's motion for summary judgment Mar. 11, 2025.

### Nebraska

No cases reported.

#### Nevada

# Federal Court of Appeals

• **Planned Parenthood Monte Mar, Inc. v. Ford** (9th Cir. No. 25-2432) – Parental involvement (notification) case. State filed a motion for relief from judgment to lift a permanent injunction that was based upon *Roe v. Wade* Dec. 1, 2023. District court granted the motion for relief from judgment Mar. 31, 2025. Planned Parenthood appealed to the 9th Circuit. Planned Parenthood filed a motion to stay the lower court's order May 2, 2025.

### **New Hampshire**

No cases reported.

# **New Jersey**

#### U.S. Supreme Court

- First Choice Women's Resource Centers, Inc. v. Platkin (No. 24-781) First Amendment case concerning an expansive investigatory subpoena against a pregnancy center. District court held First Choice's constitutional claims were not ripe Nov. 12, 2024. 3d Circuit affirmed Dec. 12, 2024. Supreme Court granted First Choice's petition for a writ of certiorari June 16, 2025. Amicus curiae brief on behalf of Americans United for Life.
- *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 denied the petition for a writ of certiorari, but Justices Thomas and Alito would have granted the petition Feb. 24, 2025.

# 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. Briefing has concluded 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. Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed the case Mar. 4, 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 abortion 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 granted, vacated, and remanded the case for further consideration in light of Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc. v. Wisconsin Labor & Industry Review Comm'n, 605 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2025).

# Federal Court of Appeals

- 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. Case is briefed, with oral argument set for June 24, 2025.
- *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. 2d Circuit affirmed June 3, 2025.

# **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 granted in part (free speech, due process, and free exercise claims regarding certain provisions) and denied in part (free speech and due process claims regarding remaining provisions) the defendant's motion for summary judgment Mar. 14, 2025.
- CompassCare v. Hochul (N.D.N.Y. No. 1:19-cv-1409) 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. District court dismissed the case pursuant to the parties' stipulated dismissal Apr. 2, 2025.
- 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, which the parties have briefed.
- *The Evergreen Association 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. District court granted the state's motion for summary judgment and denied the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment Jan. 31, 2025. Evergreen Association filed a notice of appeal Feb. 21, 2025.
- 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. District court granted the state's motion for summary judgment Mar. 20, 2025.

### State Court

• *Heartbeat International Inc. v. James* (N.Y. App. Div. No. 24-00921) – 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, which the parties have briefed.

### **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.

#### **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. District court granted in part (Religious Freedom Restoration Act) and denied in part without prejudice (remaining claims) the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment, and granted the plaintiff's motion for a permanent injunction Apr. 15, 2025. District court denied the Federal Government's motion for summary judgment.

## 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. Oral argument held Mar. 25, 2025.

### 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. States filed a motion for summary judgment and vacatur of rule Jan. 24, 2025. District court granted all parties' consent motion to stay until all proceedings resolve in *Tennessee v. Becerra* (6th Cir. No. 24-5220) and

*Oklahoma v. HHS* (U.S. No. 24-0437) Feb. 13, 2025. <u>Amicus curiae brief on behalf of Americans United for Life</u>.

# State Court

- Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region v. Ohio Department of Health (Ohio Ct. App. No. C2500163) Fetal remains case. Amended complaint filed. Granted preliminary injunction. Answer filed Feb. 28, 2022. Planned Parenthood amended its complaint Apr. 16, 2024. Trial court granted Planned Parenthood's motion for judgment on the pleadings Feb. 13, 2025. The state appealed.
- 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. Plaintiffs filed a motion for leave to file a second amended complaint to add additional challenges to laws regulating advanced practice clinicians from providing chemical abortions Feb. 26, 2025. Plaintiffs filed a third motion for a preliminary injunction Feb. 26, 2025.
- **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, which is currently in briefing before the state court of appeals.
- **Preterm-Cleveland v. Yost** (Ohio Ct. C.P. No. 24 CV 002634) Abortion informed consent (reflection period, state informational materials) and in-person appointment case. Complaint and motion for a preliminary injunction filed Mar. 29, 2025. State filed a motion to dismiss May 7, 2024. Trial court granted plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction Aug. 23, 2024.
- 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 the Jan. 10, 2025 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 ban 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. No recent major action.

• 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 the case. Plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed the case Mar. 7, 2025.

# 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 parties have briefed the appeal, and oral argument is set for June 17, 2025.

# **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. District court granted the defendants' motions to dismiss and denied the plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction and consolidated trial Mar. 31, 2025.
- *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. United States voluntarily dismissed the case Jan. 27, 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 held 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 a 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. 4th Circuit affirmed Mar. 5, 2024. Supreme Court granted the state's petition for a writ of certiorari Dec. 18, 2024. Oral argument held Apr. 2, 2025. Amicus curiae brief on behalf of Americans United for Life.

# **Federal District Court**

• *Bingham v. Wilson* (D.S.C. No. 2:25-cv-163) – Abortion doctors' challenge to the abortion ban and the abortion ban's exceptions for being vague under the Due Process Clause and violating the Free Exercise Clause. Amended complaint filed Jan. 15, 2025. District court granted Governor McMaster's motion for permissive intervention Feb. 25, 2025. State filed a motion to dismiss Mar. 17, 2025. District court granted in part (free exercise claim) and denied in part (vagueness claim and standing) the state's motion to dismiss May 7, 2025.

#### 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. S.C. Supreme Court rule for the state, interpreting "fetal heartbeat" to begin at approximately six weeks gestation, not nine weeks gestation May 14, 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 through an amended opinion Mar. 10, 2025. 6th Circuit denied the petition for rehearing en banc May 9, 2025.
- 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. 8th Circuit reversed and remanded Feb. 20, 2025.
- *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. 6th Circuit vacated and remanded for dismissal with prejudice because each defendant received a presidential pardon Mar. 5, 2025.
- 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. Parties have briefed the appeal, and oral argument is set for July 31, 2025.

# **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. District court dismissed the case pursuant to the plaintiff's voluntarily dismissal after HHS rescinded the EMTALA abortion mandate June 6, 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. Plaintiffs filed a second amended complaint Mar. 12, 2025. State filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings May 13, 2025.

#### **Texas**

# Federal Court of Appeals

- State of Texas v. Bondi (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 held 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. 5th Circuit reversed and remanded Feb. 26, 2025. Plaintiff-Appellee Doe filed a petition for rehearing en banc Mar. 12, 2025.
- **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. 9th Cir. affirmed May 15, 2025.

# **Federal District Court**

- 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. Federal Government filed a motion for summary judgment Mar. 28, 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.
- *Missouri 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. Intervenor-states filed an amended complaint Jan. 16, 2025. FDA filed a motion to dismiss the intervenor-states' amended complaint Jan. 18, 2025. Danco filed a motion to dismiss the intervenor-states' amended complaint Jan. 28, 2025. District court granted GenBioPro's motion to intervene Apr. 28, 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.
- 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. District court denied the motion to intervene by city of Columbus, Ohio, city of Madison, Wis., and Doctors for America Apr. 15, 2025.

• 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, Ohio, city of Madison, Wis., and Doctors for America filed a motion for leave to intervene Jan. 17, 2025. Status report filed May 12, 2025.

# 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. Parties have briefed the appeal.
- 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.
- 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. Trial court entered default judgment and granted a permanent injunction Feb. 13, 2025.
- **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. Answer filed Nov. 12, 2024.
- **State of Texas v. City of San Antonio** (Tex. Dist. Ct. No. \_\_\_) Pro-life challenge to San Antonio's appropriations for abortion travel. Petition and application for temporary restraining order and injunctive relief filed Apr. 4, 2025.
- **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. Oral argument held Dec. 13, 2024.
- *Texas Right to Life v. Van Stean* (Tex. Ct. App. No. 03-21-00650-CV) 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 Texas 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. Texas Court of Appeals affirmed. Petition for review filed in Texas Supreme Court May 22, 2024. Parties have briefed the appeal.
- **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. District court dismissed the case pursuant to the parties' stipulated dismissal May 30, 2025.

# 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. Motion hearing held May 19, 2025.

# 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.

- 9th Circuit vacated and remanded with instructions to dismiss the action for lack of standing Mar. 6, 2025. Appellants filed a petition for rehearing en banc Apr. 3, 2025.
- *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) [not listed in this report].

## **Federal District Court**

• 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 ban. 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 amended 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

### 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.

# **Wyoming**

# State Court

- *Johnson v. State of Wyoming* (Wyo. No. S-24-0326) Abortion case challenging the Life is a Human Right Act, Wyoming's abortion ban, 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 ban 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. Case appealed and is currently in briefing before the state supreme court.
- *Johnson v. State of Wyoming* (Wyo. Dist. Ct. No. \_\_\_) Health and safety (licensing for surgical abortions) and informed consent (ultrasound before chemical abortion) case challenging Wyo. H.B. 42 & H.B. 64. Complaint filed Feb. 28, 2025.