



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

The Los Angeles County Bar Association is deeply troubled by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturns *Roe v. Wade*. For more than half a century, our law has recognized that American citizens have a fundamental right to make their own medical and reproductive decisions. The Court's decision in *Dobbs* departs from the Court's own body of precedent and thus does violence to the principles of *stare decisis*. Far more troubling, it does so for the express purpose of eliminating a constitutional right long recognized and relied upon by American women and their families, and by men as well. That women in nearly two dozen American states will now have their most intimate and difficult medical and reproductive decisions dictated to them by male-dominated state legislatures is cause for deep sorrow and concern. It cannot be denied that this ruling will have the most drastic negative effects on poor women and women of color, those without the means to travel to jurisdictions where abortions remain safe and legal.

In this new post-Roe era, LACBA will work tirelessly to assist American women to ameliorate the effects of the Supreme Court's decision, which will have the inevitable effect of regulating them and their bodies by giving the states plenary power to do so. As a first step, LACBA will establish a new Task Force on Women's Reproductive Rights, for the purpose of protecting women's bodily autonomy wherever it is threatened. LACBA calls on its affiliated bar associations and other bar associations throughout Los Angeles County to join in this effort.



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