We at Life Legal weren’t stunned when the Supreme Court’s intention to overturn Roe v. Wade was illegally leaked by some person or persons unknown. We weren’t stunned when the Court actually did reverse Roe. We weren’t stunned when the representatives of the death cult exploded in a paroxysm of bloodthirsty anger and entitlement. After more than 30 years of experience handling pro-life cases, we can be sure of one thing: The Supreme Court giveth, and the Supreme Court taketh away!

But we were stunned when many putative pro-life voices expressed namby-pamby misgivings about our movement’s tremendous victory in Dobbs v. JWHO.

We assure our pro-life partners that, while Dobbs was a qualified victory in terms of constitutional protection for children in the womb, there is no reason for misgivings. Rejoice with us — and read below how Life Legal contributed to the victory.

> California, where our administrative offices operate, is politically the most pro-abortion state of all. When Samuel Alito et al. pounded a stake through Roe’s cold heart, California reacted with a flurry of lunatic legislation designed not only to protect the state’s own ravenous abortion industry but also to slaughter tens of thousands of children per year from other states. Read below how crazy some of these measures are — and how we are planning to counter them.

> Predictably, pro-life pregnancy care centers were immediately targeted for harassment, vandalism, and destruction after Dobbs was decided. Not only did weird operators from leftist anarchist groups subject PCCs to extensive vandalism and arson. Not only did these characters follow up with barely-veiled general death threats.

Pro-aborts in government also determined to go after pro-lifers who offer help to women in need. Even in pro-life venues such as the Great State of Texas, bureaucrats attached to the murder cult have managed to assail and undermine PCCs. Read below how they did it — and how we are fighting back.

At the same time, we have been carrying on with our ordinary daily work, in accordance with our unofficial motto: “No case is too small!”

We receive near daily calls asking for our help from pro-life sidewalk counselors (who save more lives from abortion than any abortionist will admit) and from pro-lifers who are discriminated against at school and in the workplace.

When we face opportunities as promising as Dobbs, or the daunting tasks that come before us every day, we always remind ourselves of our dependence on supporters like you. And we pray that you will remain our supporters in the year to come.

Roe v. Wade is no more. The field of battle has been altered drastically — and in our favor. And we’re confident we can win even greater victories — with your help!

Yours for the value of every human life,
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Below: Black pro-life leaders meeting in Montgomery, Alabama for a press conference as Life Legal filed a lawsuit to enforce Alabama’s Constitutional Amendment that protects the right to life of children in the womb. We filed on behalf of “Baby Q,” who represents black babies targeted for abortion in Alabama.
THE DARK TOWER OF ROE V. WADE IS FALLEN!

Something that can no longer be news to anyone: the dark tower of Roe v. Wade, the arbitrary and unjust fiction that condemned millions of children over five decades to gruesome deaths, the lie to which sadists and libertines pledged their allegiance, has fallen. It is once again permissible to do the obvious thing, recognize scientific reality as defined by developmental biology, and protect life in the womb by the power of statutory law.

So pro-lifers are rejoicing, right?

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We at Life Legal are doing so. We started singing glad hallelujahs on June 24th, when the ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization was handed down. And we haven’t stopped since. We’ve been singing glad hallelujahs even in our sleep.

In part, our glad hallelujahs proceed from the conviction that our amicus brief early in the progress of the case — filed on behalf of neonatologist Robin Pierucci, M.D., and authored by Chief Legal Officer Katie Short, Senior Staff Counsel Allison Aranda, and Alexandra Snyder — contributed to the Court’s decision to consider Dobbs in the first place. We attacked the concept of viability, as delineated in Roe, as scientifically, medically, and philosophically indefensible. Both Justice Samuel Alito, who wrote the Court’s opinion, and Chief Justice John Roberts directly addressed this very question, and Justice Alito did so in terms that closely resembled our own argument.

So we rejoice that our efforts had such an effect. But we’d be rejoicing even if our brief had soared over the heads of all nine justices and landed in the Atlantic Ocean.

Some unfortunate souls still can’t shake, even for a while, the deathly pall that Roe threw over our country for five decades. However, as author Tripp Parker argues in “The Sin of Not Celebrating the Fall of Roe v. Wade,” that failure to rejoice in this case is failure to recognize God’s power in history — and constitutes shameful silence in the face of an unrestrained putsch for abortion in our culture.

We at Life Legal wholeheartedly agree.

However, we at Life Legal understand that the work of the pro-life movement, and our work in particular, has just begun. This victory calls on us to march forward, not to rest on any laurels we may think that we’ve received. Dobbs returned this vital issue to the states. In states where pro-abortion ideologues grip the reins of government, we face a long and difficult march in the face of enemy action. The fury of the pro-aborts may at first make it a challenge even to maintain the status quo. What’s worse, even in pro-life states such as Texas, the pro-aborts are working surreptitiously to undercut the effect of Dobbs.

Still, in the aftermath of Dobbs, the Lord roars in triumph over his enemies (Isaiah 42:13). Rejoice!

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GOLDEN STATE ABORTION PROFITEERS
SEE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY IN THE END OF ROE

As soon as the decision in Dobbs was handed down, pro-aborts around the country excoriated the Supreme Court's activism in reversing earlier Supreme Court activism. Shrill and raucous voices were raised in California, too. However, what California's abortionists and their political allies really perceived was a golden opportunity. They would transform their kooky kingdom into a murder marketplace that would make Ancient Carthage envious.

As far as its state government was concerned, California already ranked as the most pro-abortion state in the country. And its drive to become even more pro-abortion began way back when the defeat of Roe was only a whispered rumor. In October of last year, Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 742 into law. The bill made it a crime to exercise First Amendment rights near "vaccination sites." The P.R. was that this measure was necessary to ensure COVID vaccination. The sly effect was to shield Planned Parenthood, which vaccinates for STDs. We challenged this maneuver immediately — and won an immediate victory when the U.S. District Court enjoined enforcement of the unconstitutional law.

Hassling pro-life activists outside murder mills was just the beginning for California. A more extreme outrage is Assembly Bill 2223 — which seeks to prevent criminal liability for any and all "pregnancy outcomes." In effect, AB 2223 legalizes abortion for any reason or none at all, all the way to birth and a month beyond. Make no mistake: pro-abortion "fact checkers" are denying that the bill legalizes infanticide. And naturally the bill doesn't say, "We hereby legalize infanticide." But its wording is carefully calculated to decriminalize what Kermit Gosnell is now serving life in prison for. The bill will indeed legalize infanticide — and we will be fighting it with every legal weapon at our disposal.

Nor should anyone pretend that California's cabal of abortion advocates concerns itself only with California. Newsom has declared his demesne a “sanctuary” for abortion — which means that he and his cronies are aggressively targeting babies from around the country. They mean to achieve their termination goal through Senate Bill 1142.

The legislation, introduced by State Senator Nancy Skinner of Berkeley, establishes a fund that supposedly combines "state and philanthropic dollars" to finance abortions for Californians and out-of-staters. California is even preparing to pay travel expenses, and to establish a gigantic online billboard that’ll offer abortion (remember: through ten months of pregnancy) to troubled moms from sea to shining sea.

How can the state even afford such a boondoggle? Well, it can't — but the harm will descend on ordinary Californian taxpayers, not on Planned Parenthood's government stooges. Here's how the scam will operate. The tax man will add substantial monies to what "philanthropists" (that is, abortionists) kick in. The abortion business will flourish as a result. Extra profits will be fed back into the combined fund — and into the campaign coffers of pro-abort officials. And so ad infinitum. Basic services to California residents will suffer, but who cares? Not the abortion cartel nor its pals in office!

One advantage here for the pro-aborts is that California has no reporting requirements for the abortion industry and is rapidly eliminating even the token rules for accountability that still exist. Smug abortionists are anticipating a playground in which they will not have to answer for any of the horrors they engender.

California does not stand alone in its plans for massive abortion tourism. Other states, such as New York and Maryland, are developing similar schemes. We'll fight them all. But we'll start by recognizing that California is definitely the leader.
It should come as no surprise that, after the long-awaited collapse of *Roe v. Wade*, pro-life pregnancy care centers became public enemy number one in the eyes of pro-abortion extremists.

The renewed campaign against PCCs actually began well before the ruling in *Dobbs* was handed down — in May, when the Supreme Court’s vote against *Roe* was only a reported and unconfirmed leak.

In this context, we are talking about actual physical attacks, mostly involving vandalism and arson, and often accompanied by threats of impending bodily harm. At last count, these attacks had occurred in 25 states and the District of Columbia — and the number is expanding even as I write. “If abortion isn’t safe neither are you!” has been a favorite child-killing slogan of the criminals involved, often found spray-painted at sites where grievous damage had been inflicted. The sole purpose of the buildings attacked? To provide loving assistance to women facing problem pregnancies.

A terrorist organization calling itself “Jane’s Revenge” left little doubt about the intentions of the pro-aborts: “We have demonstrated how easy and fun it is to attack. We promise to take increasingly drastic measures. Those measures may not come in the form of something so easily cleaned up as fire and graffiti.”

Recently, the Department of Justice under Merrick Garland has pursued a campaign of intimidation against prominent pro-lifers — most outrageously with the arrest at gunpoint of Mark Houck, who protected his minor son from a clinic “escort.” Yet there have been no arrests in the many attacks on pro-life PCCs.

It sounds scary — and it is scary to the brave pro-lifers who sacrifice mightily, day after day, in order to provide principled care to women and children in crisis.

But there’s something a lot scarier. Pro-life PCCs aren’t just facing vandalism and arson. They’re not just facing threats of escalation and personal violence. They’re not just facing indifference from government entities that are supposed to protect their legal rights.

They’re facing active hostility from these same government entities. People in high places are working overtime to shut them down. And these people have been targeting pro-life PCCs for a long time.

The most devious example that we know of is what was done to the Heidi Group in Texas — a conservative, pro-life state. We at Life Legal have been fighting hard for the Heidi Group because we can see that the pattern established in this case will soon serve as a model for undermining pro-life policies in other states where common sense prevails.

The pattern is easy to delineate. The Heidi Group included over sixty pro-life care centers that received state funding — funding that Planned Parenthood wanted for its murder mills. The Heidi Group was targeted for elimination.

A disgruntled former employee fed false charges to pro-aborts in the mainstream media and in state bureaucracies — and they ran with the information. Bureaucrats canceled pro-life grants — and even demanded $1.5 million in reimbursements. The Texas deep state meant to crush the Heidi Group so that all “problem” pregnancies would be directed to Planned Parenthood instead.

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The post-Roe campaign against pro-life crisis pregnancy care is the most glaring refutation of the baby-killers’ “pro-choice” rhetoric. PCCs are providing choices. Why can’t the murder marketplace tolerate PCCs? Because in truth its masters only recognize one “choice.”

If Life Legal failed to stand up for PCCs, we’d be nothing but a sounding gong or clanging cymbal. We are standing up for them, and we hope that you stand behind us.

So overwhelming was the attack that pro-aborts expected zero resistance from the Heidi Group and its much-maligned founder, Carol Everett. But Carol was made of sterner stuff. She enlisted our help — and the battle was on.

If we can prevail in this case by restoring pro-life funding — and our chances are excellent — we can show the pro-aborts that their little schemes will not devastate pro-life pregnancy care in conservative states.

Moreover, in the pro-abortion states, we are working hard to guarantee the First Amendment rights of PCCs to advertise their ministries — and not to refer for abortions.
It’s been such a tremendous year of triumph for the entire pro-life movement that it’d be easy to miss the details. We at Life Legal participated in the general triumph and secured significant victories of our very own.

> Dobbs v. JWHO. The case that brought down Roe, inspiring howls of consternation amongst the partisans of child murder! We were involved early with an amicus brief that directly targeted the irrational and unscientific basis of the ruling that Harry Blackmun handed down from the infernal mountain. We stayed involved until the wretched lies behind Roe crumbled into dust.

We can’t take full credit for the result, but the success of our own contribution stemmed from a strategic decision not to indulge the contemptible fiction any further. No longer would we argue that pro-life efforts might, your highnesses, pass muster before the idol called Roe v. Wade. We’d insist on smashing the idol.

We know that a lot of other pro-lifers made the same resolution. And look at the consequence! Pro-lifers put their faith in the truth — and the truth won out!

> In the matter of Joshua Barras. Major case in which an estranged wife sought to terminate her brain-injured husband through starvation and dehydration — and to become a celebrity in the process! Court granted our emergency motion to continue nutrition and hydration — and later made Josh Barras’s mother, not his fame-crazed spouse, the primary decision-maker. Once a divorce is complete, Josh’s mother will be the sole decision-maker.

> Hughes v. Glendale Memorial and Gaytan. A brain-injury case that was almost the reverse of Barras. Here it was the hospital that longed to terminate a 31-year-old woman. Her fiancé, holding power of attorney, sought to save her. Hospital pulled a fast one by appointing the patient’s death-fixated mother as surrogate decision-maker. We sued the hospital and the mother. Ultimately, our client’s Power of Attorney was recognized as valid, and he was able to make life-affirming decisions for his injured fiancée.

> People v. Demi Giro. A 28-year-old pro-abortion female attacked elderly pro-life activists in Roseville, California, outside Sacramento. Police cited her for elder abuse, assault, and theft of a phone. Following an all-too-familiar pattern, the Roseville DA opted against prosecution. However, we contacted the office in the spirit of firm persuasion and charges were filed. Assailant received jail time, was ordered to pay restitution, and underwent a course in anger management.

> State of Louisiana v. Ray Whatley. Pro-lifer was cited for battery after tapping a murder mill escort on the back with his sign as she blocked his conversation with a patient. We got the charges dismissed.

We report these last two victories, so far removed from the Supreme Court, as examples of the kinds of actions we take every day. The much-abused pro-life street-level hero remains always very dear to our hearts.
“CHANGED, CHANGED UTTERLY”
PRO-LIFE CHALLENGES IN THE COMING YEAR

At the close of 2022, we at Life Legal have earnestly emphasized the need to rejoice in the downfall of Roe v. Wade — and with good reason. Pseudo-pro-lifers are actually undermining the effect of this victory with their hand-wringing and vain, obsessive quest for common ground. And the pro-aborts are furiously determined to exploit any sign of weakness in order to promote their child-killing cult.

Without equivocation, we are rejoicing. That being said, Dobbs was not a total victory. In one of our own briefs, we at Life Legal actually called for federal protection, under the 14th Amendment, to extend to the child in the womb. If this argument had prevailed, abortion would rightly be outlawed throughout the United States. But the Court did not address this argument.

The issue is returned to the states. Some states, like California, are in the grip of abortion enthusiasts so extreme that their grinning recommendations read like something out of a dystopian science fiction novel. We have to work against pro-abortion forces in these locales with every legal tool in our box.

Another example is Doe v. Minnesota, in which we are assisting a group of mothers intervening to defend the constitutionality of parental involvement and informed consent laws. In July, a state court judge in Minnesota decided that these laws – which have been protecting women and girls for decades – are unconstitutional under the Minnesota state constitution. The Attorney General is not appealing this ridiculous decision, so Life Legal is helping MOPS (“Mothers Offering Maternal Support,” a group of mothers of minor girls whose right to be involved in their children’s medical decisions is violated by the judge’s ruling) make their voices and those of a stellar array of experts heard in the higher courts.

In some states, the protection of prenatal human life is already established — or well on its way to being established. Even in these, however, entrenched bureaucracies are often completely dedicated to the child murder program. This sad reality is abundantly clear from what happened to the Heidi Group in Texas.

Nationwide, we face the same problem of pro-abortion bureaucracies. Even worse, the elected branches of government, as I write, are in the hands of the enemy. The Justice Department under Merrick Garland has sent SWAT teams to arrest pro-lifers and has turned a blind eye to organized attacks against life advocates. The pro-aborts have released their hordes. We have long anticipated these responses to the end of Roe.

We have plans to counter the moves made by the other side. Though we can’t guarantee success in every case, we promise to be on the offensive, not constantly on the defensive. That resolution is what spelled the end of Roe.

All the while, in our organization, we keep an eye on the services we have always sought to provide. Street-level activists will need a solid defense more than ever. Pro-life conscience rights in the workplace will be under assault as never before. More patients like Josh Barras will be threatened with excruciating destruction.

The pro-life landscape has indeed been altered in a marvelous way. But the ordinary daily work of Life Legal still needs doing.
OUR STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR GIFTS

Please be assured that Life Legal will be a careful steward of any gift you send. The graph below reflects Life Legal’s 2021 independent audit by RINA Accountancy Corporation.

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**SUPPORT AND REVENUE**
(Fiscal Year: 2021)

- Contributions
  - Donations: $2,701,643
  - (Pro bono) Attorney services: $2,083,234
- Other income: $916,637*
- **TOTAL REVENUE**: $2,701,643
- **NET ASSETS, end of year**: $5,701,514

* Includes Payroll Protection Grant and unrealized gains on investments.

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**EXPENSES**
(Fiscal Year: 2021)

See how your gifts go straight to saving the lives of babies.

- Program services: $3,474,589
- Supporting services:
  - Fundraising: $174,672
  - Administrative: $117,479
- **TOTAL EXPENSES**: $3,766,740

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We at Life Legal thank you from the depths of our very souls for what you have done to enable the successes of the past — and we hope we can count on your continued support as we face a transformed pro-life field of operations.

• Without you, we could never have contributed to the glorious demise of that monstrous, murderous idol known as Roe v. Wade!
• Without you, we could never have confronted the pro-abortion madness that has taken control of the California legislature!
• Without you, we could never have rescued Josh Barras (and others like him) from a cruel death by starvation and dehydration!

And, without your continued generosity, we won’t be ready to carry on for the cause of life in the aftermath of Dobbs v. JWHO.

We do have future plans mapped out, but every year throws us unanticipated obstacles. Without your help, we won’t be ready for those, either.

Please, as a pro-lifer who comprehends the essential function of Life Legal’s mission, could you contribute $50, $250, $500, or even $1,000 toward our labors in 2023?

Remember that our struggles are against opponents who claim vast oceans of blood money as their own. From pro-life stalwarts who can afford to consider even loftier levels of sacrificial generosity, we are especially seeking gifts of up to $5,000 or even $8,000.

We can’t possibly compete against the abortion industry dollar for dollar. But, if we can approach even one penny for every dollar they spend, we’ll be in the fight.

We understand the transcendent value of the widow’s mite and would be grateful for any amount you could afford to give.

We all pray every day for our benefactors. And we hope that you pray for Life Legal.

May the God who cast down the dark tower of Roe v. Wade keep you and your loved ones from all harm this coming year, bless you all, and bestow upon you rich rewards for what you’ve done to save his threatened little ones!
OUR MISSION

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