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From Arizona to Vermont: How State Courts are Deciding Reproductive Freedom Amendment Claims

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In the first few months of 2026, litigation under new state constitutional “Reproductive Freedom Amendments” (RFAs) has ramped up. As we discussed in our September report, “The Promise of State Reproductive Freedom Amendments,” after new constitutional amendments were ratified by voters in ten states, dozens of state abortion bans or restrictions were ripe for legal challenges under the new RFAs. Since then, there have been notable developments in several cases and new litigation filed.

[Read the full commentary](#) in which we highlight the latest decisions from Arizona, Ohio, and Vermont and what to look for in the coming months.

Event Recap



This week, 30 UCLA Law students joined CRHLP, PILP, and the UCLA If/When/How chapter for a discussion on careers within the field of reproductive justice. Students got advice from panelists Amanda Barrow, Senior Staff Attorney at CRHLP, Dipti Singh, Chief Legal Officer at Planned Parenthood Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley, Katelyn Wallace, Deputy Attorney General, Cal DOJ Reproductive Justice Unit, Onyemma Obiekea, Strategic Consultant and Policy Attorney, and Marisa London, Gender, Sexuality, and Reproductive Justice Legal Fellow, ACLU of SoCal.

The panelists led an engaging discussion about their career paths, offered insights for students interested in similar careers, and answered questions from students.

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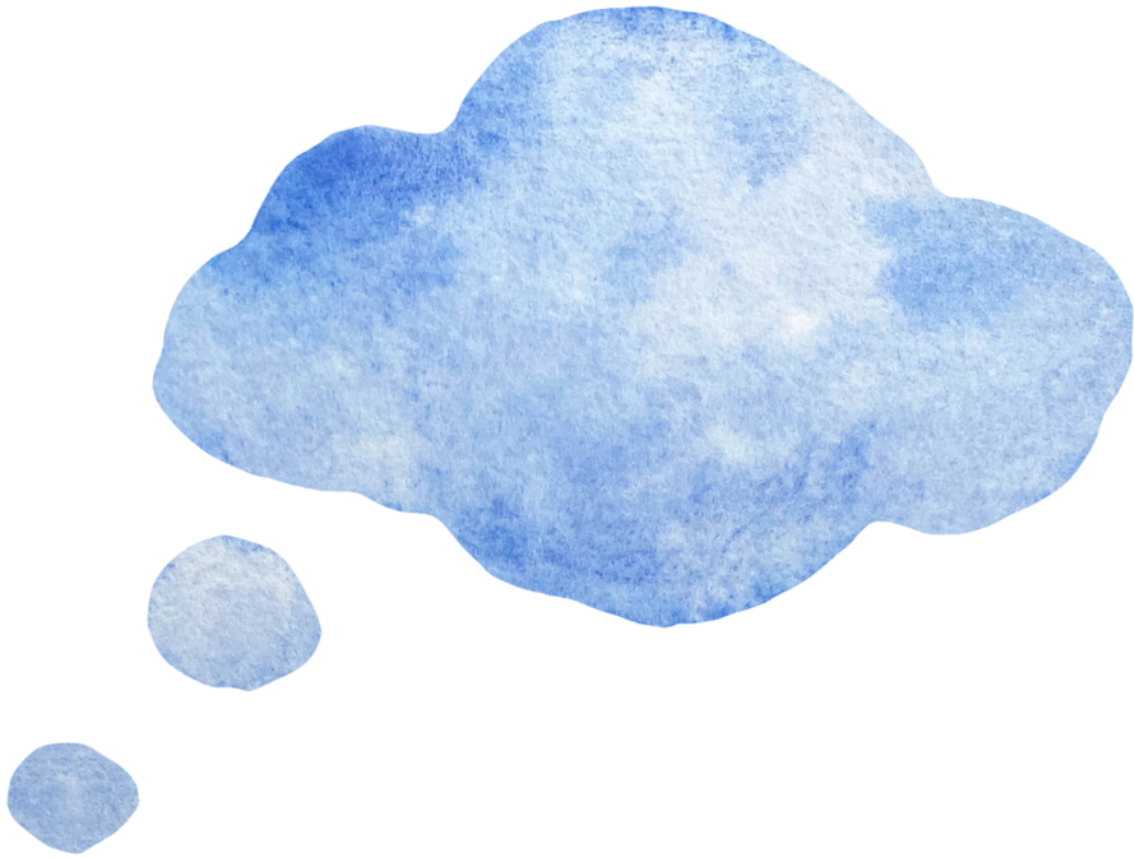
The Ohio Department of Health's [2025 abortion report](#) shows 25,135 abortions in the state last year. This is a 15% increase from 2024 and the highest total since voters ratified the state's 2023 reproductive freedom amendment protecting abortion access. More than 20% of patients traveled from out of state, demonstrating Ohio's role as a regional access point amid restrictions in neighboring states. Nearly 59.3% were medication abortions, facilitated in part by telehealth and the elimination of the 24-hour waiting period in the state.



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New data compiled by Health Management Associates [shows](#) that at least eight states have allocated more than \$150 million in TANF funds to crisis pregnancy centers since 2017. This includes \$58.9 million in Missouri and \$45.7 million in Ohio, even though TANF is intended to help families experiencing poverty meet basic needs such as housing, food, and childcare. At the same time, crisis pregnancy centers are increasingly accessing additional federal funding streams, including [Title V](#) abstinence-focused sex education grants and potential [Title X](#) family planning funds, despite [concerns](#) raised by medical organizations such as the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists about misleading practices and the lack of evidence-based reproductive health services at many centers.

Food for Thought



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[Impacted By The Estrogen Patch Shortage? Here Are Your Options.](#)

[U.S. Moving Pregnant Immigrant Girls To Texas To Avoid Providing Abortions, Critics Say](#)

[Arizona Republicans Want Schools To Teach Fetal Development But Not Sex, STIs, Or Abortion](#)



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