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We are excited to announce a brand new [opportunity to support](#) CRHLP! From now until December 31st, every gift you make to the center will be matched to double your impact.

The [Los Angeles Guild for Reproductive Health](#) has pledged a \$50,000 match to help sustain and grow the work of the UCLA Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy – and we need your help to meet it.

Your gift today will go twice as far to support:

- Free legal services for patients, providers, and advocates on the front lines
- Cutting-edge research, legal analysis, and policy solutions

- Defense of abortion pill access, youth health care rights, health data privacy, and more

- Training the next generation of reproductive rights advocates

If you've ever considered supporting our legal and policy innovation for reproductive freedom, or want to deepen your impact, now is the time. If you are unable to give, please boost this opportunity to your network and share our posts on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Bluesky](#).

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Job Opportunities



CRHLP is now welcoming applications for spring law student externs. Part-time student externs will have the opportunity to contribute to our policy and legal research and analysis, as well as our empirical research that supports legal and policy change. Projects may include topics such as the reproductive rights of minors, constitutional protections for maternal health, protecting access to mifepristone, and more.

As available, externs will also have the opportunity to participate in convenings and meetings with advocates, scholars, health care providers, researchers, and community members in the field. This position is available to 2L, 3L, and LLM students at UCLA Law. Learn more [here](#).

Please submit a resume, cover letter, and legal writing sample to apply. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis through November 17, 2025. Interested students should submit applications to Sofia Espinoza at espinoza.crhlp@law.ucla.edu.


Events

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REALIZING THE PROMISE OF STATE REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AMENDMENTS

Since *Dobbs*, ten states have ratified constitutional amendments codifying the right to abortion and reproductive rights more broadly. Join CRHLP experts in conversation with lawyers on the frontlines of litigation and ballot campaigns in Ohio, Michigan, and Missouri to learn about these new constitutional guarantees and what it takes to make their promise real.

 Monday, November 3, 2025

 11:30- 1:00 PM PT



UCLA School of Law is a State Bar of California approved MCLE provider. This session has requested MCLE credit and is currently pending approval.



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Register now at :

<https://bit.ly/CRHLPReproWebinar>

Join us on November 3rd at 11:30 AM PT for our upcoming webinar, Realizing the Promise of State Reproductive Freedom

Amendments.

This moderated conversation will feature lawyers on the frontlines of litigation and ballot campaigns in Ohio, Michigan, and Missouri, offering insights into these new constitutional guarantees and what it takes to make their promise real. Register for the event [here](#).

Policy News



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The Trump administration has [moved to lay off](#) nearly all staff in the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Population Affairs, which administers the \$300 million Title X family planning program. The layoffs, carried out during the ongoing government shutdown, have raised alarm that the administration is effectively dismantling a 50-year-old initiative that provides contraception, STI testing, pregnancy services, and basic infertility care for millions of low-income patients. Staff were reportedly locked out of their government accounts before receiving formal layoff notices, prompting legal and constitutional concerns over the mass firings. A federal judge has temporarily blocked the administration from proceeding with the layoffs, but uncertainty remains over who is covered by the injunction. Notably, however this plays out, the Title X office has also been targeted for elimination under the Trump administration's 2026 budget proposal. Advocates [warn](#) that the loss of Title X personnel could abruptly halt access to essential reproductive health services nationwide.

Legal News



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A Missouri appellate court [has upheld](#) a lower court order blocking enforcement of several state laws restricting abortion, finding that the measures likely violate the state's 2024 constitutional amendment protecting reproductive freedom. The ruling [recognized](#) that targeted regulations of abortion providers, including hospital admitting privileges, surgical center standards, mandatory pelvic exams, and 72-hour waiting periods, likely impose unconstitutional burdens on abortion access and discriminate against abortion providers. The court rejected the state's procedural objections and arguments that patients could simply travel out of state for care, noting that the amendment's purpose was to ensure access within Missouri. A full trial on the constitutionality of the challenged laws is scheduled for January 2026. Meanwhile, lawmakers are advancing a new ballot measure for 2026 that would repeal the reproductive freedom amendment and reinstate Missouri's near-total abortion ban. To learn more about ongoing litigation and implementation of state reproductive freedom amendments, register for our upcoming webinar, [Realizing the Promise of State Reproductive Freedom Amendments](#). This conversation will feature lawyers on the frontlines of litigation, including in Missouri.



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A Tennessee court [has rejected](#) the state's second attempt to dismiss a lawsuit challenging the vagueness and inadequacy of medical exceptions to its near-total abortion ban. The suit, originally filed by Tennessee physicians and patients in 2023, [argues that](#) the state's narrow "medical necessity" exceptions fail to protect the lives and health of pregnant people in violation of multiple state constitutional guarantees. The panel found that despite recent amendments to the law, plaintiffs, in their amended complaint, "have sufficiently alleged that the defects in the medical necessity exception place their lives at risk in violation of their constitutional right to life."

Food for Thought



With so much going on in the world of reproductive health, law, and policy, every week we'll share articles, books, and media you might have missed.

[Who Gets To Procreate And Parent? A Black Feminist Critique Of The Pronatalist Agenda](#)

[Abortion Restrictions May Be Fueling A Rise In Domestic Violence, Experts Warn](#)

[How Abortion Pill "Reversal" Became A Powerful Right-wing Legal Weapon](#)

[ICE Keeps Detaining Pregnant Immigrants – Against Federal Policy](#)

[Southern Lawmakers Say Infant Mortality Rates Could Worsen With Health Care Cuts](#)



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