

# Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

Updates from the Office of MS Attorney General Lynn Fitch

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## KEY ARGUMENT:

### Roe and Casey Shackle States to a View of the Facts that Is Decades Out of Date

-In the nearly 50 years since Roe, science and society have marched forward. During this time, the viability marker has moved from 28 weeks to 22 weeks in some cases. Viability is an arbitrary line that produces arbitrary results. Science and medicine will only continue marching forward, making that line an increasingly unreliable standard. Abortion policy should not remain tethered to it.

-Many laws (largely post-dating Roe) protect equal opportunity—including prohibitions on sex and pregnancy discrimination in employment, guarantees of employment leave for pregnancy and birth, and support to offset the costs of childcare for working mothers. Casey gives no good reason to believe that decades of advances for women rest on Roe, and evidence is to the contrary.

General Fitch filed [her brief](#) at the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday. Read the press release about her brief [here](#) and her column in USATODAY [here](#).



## WHAT WE'RE READING

### Wall Street Journal: [Mississippi Asks Supreme Court to End Roe v. Wade Abortion Rights](#)

Article by Jess Bravin

"Even if there were policy reasons to allow women the right to end pregnancy in 1973, the state argued that times had changed. 'The march of progress has left Roe and Casey behind,' Mississippi said in the brief."

### New York Times: [Mississippi asks the Supreme Court to overrule Roe v. Wade](#)

Article by Adam Liptak

"[Fitch] told the justices that the scope of abortion rights should be determined through the political process. 'The national fever on abortion can break only when this court returns abortion policy to the states — where agreement is more common, compromise is often possible and disagreement can be resolved at the ballot box.'"



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## ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

### **Attorney General Fitch Press Release: [AG Lynn Fitch Reaches Settlement with Santander for Deceptive Auto Loan Practices](#)**

"I remain steadfast in my commitment to protect Mississippi consumers from unfair and deceptive business practices that seek to separate them from their hard-earned money. This settlement will deliver meaningful relief to harmed consumers and will provide future protection from deceptive lending." -Attorney General Lynn Fitch

### **Magnolia State Live: [Mississippi officials: 7 victims of human trafficking freed, 8 arrests made during undercover operation](#)**

Attorney General Lynn Fitch said she's proud of Mississippi law enforcement who work together, "Human trafficking has no place in Mississippi. And, traffickers need to know that our women and children are off limits."

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