

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

Updates from the Office of MS Attorney General Lynn Fitch

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KEY ARGUMENT:

Upholding the integrity of the medical profession

The story of Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman M.D., should inspire all of us. Rejected by 29 medical schools, the story goes that she was finally accepted to one when the male student body voted to accept her as a joke. In 1849, she graduated at the top of her class.

In the *Dobbs* case, I am proud to stand with doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals to uphold the integrity of the medical profession. Numerous amicus briefs were filed in support of Mississippi's law, representing thousands of medical professionals. In fact, the Christian Medical and Dental Association cited the Hippocratic Oath in its brief, emphasizing the ethical duty to protect life rather than inflict harm or destroy life:

"Mississippi's law preventing abortions after the 15th week of gestation serves not only the important interest of protecting innocent human life, but also seeks to uphold the integrity and ethics of the medical profession itself."

Today, we recognize Dr. Blackwell's accomplishments and the great strides women have made in the medical field on National Women Physicians Day. And we stand together to defend the integrity of their chosen profession.

-Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch



WHAT WE'RE READING

Real Clear Politics: Dobbs Case Adds New Hope to 2022 March for Life

By Marjorie Dannenfelser

"This is a culminating moment for the pro-life moment, and life is winning. The *Dobbs* case shows that our decades of work, sacrifice and prayers are making a difference, that we were right not to give up, and that the dismantling of *Roe* is a real possibility – all reasons for optimism. At this year's March for Life on Jan. 21, our faces will reflect the hope that our representative legislatures will soon allow 'We the People' to speak on behalf of the unborn."

WTVR: She was born at just 22 weeks. Now she's home with her family

By Bree Sison

"I was at the delivery the day she was born and seeing how small she was, was really

surreal,' said Dr. Khoury of Leilani's incredible progress. 'Now she's feeding everything orally and that's really amazing for a 22 week'er.' Dr. Khoury says success with cases like Leilani give both medical professionals and parents new hope for babies born premature."



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ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

Y'all Politics: Secretary Watson, AG Fitch partner with CFTC and 26 states to stop precious metals scheme

By Anne Summerhays

"Defendants targeted seniors and those close to retirement age,' said **AG Lynn Fitch**. 'They preyed on their fears and jeopardized their fixed incomes. Seniors have worked a lifetime with the hope of living comfortably in their retirement, and Mississippi will not stand for scamming them in order to turn a quick profit.'"

Olean Times Herald: State attorneys general discuss border crisis solutions ahead of summit

By Bethany Blankley

"A leader in fighting human trafficking, **Fitch** recently announced the results of a multi-agency investigation leading to multiple arrests in seven counties. She also just announced a multi-state effort she led to safeguard Model Penal Code provisions necessary to prosecute perpetrators of trafficking, child exploitation, and sexual assaults."

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