

# Our 2024 Impact: Hard at Work Across the Country

From coast to coast, we successfully challenged pregnancy-related criminal charges, defending the rights of pregnant people, took our message straight to policymakers, and gathered thought leaders for a powerful convening affirming pregnant people's personhood. Here's just a snapshot of our work.

● Legal cases   
 ● Policy work   
 ● Convening

## Minnesota

After hearing from us, the Hennepin County district attorney announced that she would stop pursuing pregnancy and substance use cases and dismiss all pending cases

## Kentucky

Testified against a fetal personhood bill that would have required child support payments for embryos and fetuses, which didn't pass

## New York

Co-hosted "Personhood and Pregnancy" convening with more than 80 advocates, litigators, and scholars at NYU Law to develop new pathways to dismantle fetal personhood and affirm pregnant people's personhood

## District of Columbia

- Testified before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee about fetal personhood's link to pregnancy criminalization, IVF, abortion, contraception, and maternal mortality
- 60 congressional staffers attended our briefing on our report, *Pregnancy as a Crime*
- Members of Congress cited our research to urge the White House to protect against pregnancy criminalization
- Supported our client, who was subjected to torture while giving birth in jail, in her testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Human Rights

## California

After several years of vigorously defending our client against a murder charge for experiencing a neonatal loss, the prosecutor dropped the charge

## Oklahoma

Organized against a bill that would create a new crime of "fetal assault," which didn't pass

## South Carolina

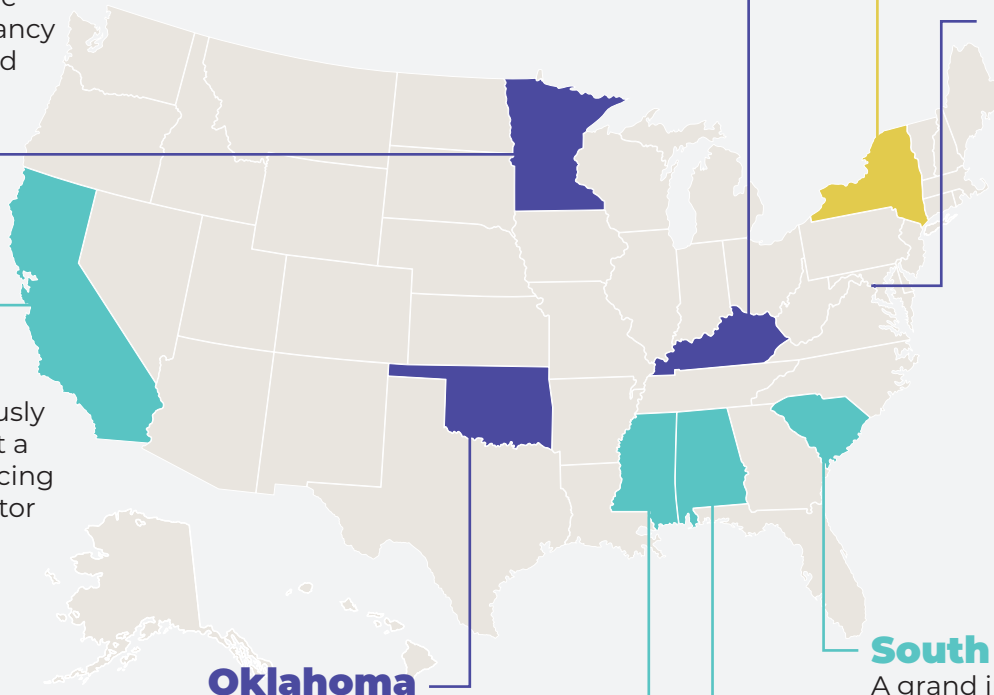
A grand jury refused to indict a young woman for murder for her miscarriage after we organized against the prosecution

## Mississippi

Supported local counsel in defending a woman facing domestic violence charges against her fetus, resulting in a dismissal

## Alabama

Successfully challenged the prosecution of a client for a stillbirth at home





## Setting the Record Straight with Trailblazing Research

Released our report, ***Pregnancy as a Crime***, documenting a **disturbing 210 prosecutions in the year after the *Dobbs* decision**, showing that while abortion bans are a threat, prosecutors continue to wield non-abortion laws to criminalize all pregnancy outcomes.



## Filing Amicus Briefs Across the Country

**Filed 5 amicus briefs from Maryland to New Mexico to the U.S. Supreme Court.** Our briefs include arguments challenging state laws that deny emergency abortion care and a prosecutor's use of a woman's consideration of an abortion to justify a murder charge.



## Shifting Public Narratives

Our work, perspective, and analyses were **featured in hundreds of stories**, including Rolling Stone, The Washington Post, CNN, MSNBC, NPR, the "Latino USA" podcast, AL.com, Jezebel, Teen Vogue, Essence, Politico, Newsweek, Salon, CBS News, and more.

Pregnancy Justice **President Lourdes A. Rivera's HuffPost op-ed** laid out how the Alabama Supreme Court's IVF decision poses a serious threat to democracy. And **Legal Director Karen Thompson penned an op-ed for The Nation** about the risk to pregnant people's lives and health in the U.S. Supreme Court Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act case.



## Providing Legal Defense and Advocacy

**Represented or advocated for nearly 30 people across 16 states** facing pregnancy-related charges ranging from murder to child abuse to domestic violence of a fetus.



## Training Professionals to Disrupt Pregnancy Criminalization

**Trained nearly 5,000** prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, activists, medical professionals, medical students, law professors, law students, and policymakers across the country about the dangers of pregnancy criminalization and fetal personhood and what actions they can take to defend the rights of pregnant people.