

Top Moments of 2025

January

With the ACLU of Vermont and local counsel, we file a lawsuit for a mom whose newborn was taken by child welfare after being secretly investigated while pregnant, challenging the agency's practice of tracking pregnant women it deems "unsuitable" for parenthood.

February

We help secure wins in two cases: the Maryland Supreme Court overturns the murder conviction of a woman who experienced a stillbirth, and an Oklahoma judge dismisses our client's child neglect charge.

March

Our client's manslaughter charge for suffering a stillbirth is dropped after we file a motion to dismiss with local counsel in Ohio.

April

Amid public pressure, including our legal analysis featured in dozens of news articles, a Georgia prosecutor drops charges against a woman who was arrested after miscarrying at home.

May

We co-organize a rally with the New York Informed Consent Coalition in support of a bill requiring pregnant patients' consent to be drug tested. The bill goes further than before, and we will fight for its passage in 2026.

June

With co-counsel, we announce a settlement in a years-long federal civil rights lawsuit on behalf of Ashley Caswell, allowing her to move forward after experiencing horrific treatment in an Alabama jail while pregnant.

July

We publish a report on the 2025 legislative season, highlighting 15 bills – the most in a single year – that would allow homicide charges for someone getting an abortion. None of the bills pass.

August

We testify before United Nations member states in Geneva as part of a coalition of organizations documenting the United States' human rights abuses of pregnant people and other marginalized groups.



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September

We publish new data on pregnancy-related prosecutions, documenting 412 cases in the first two years after the Dobbs decision.

October

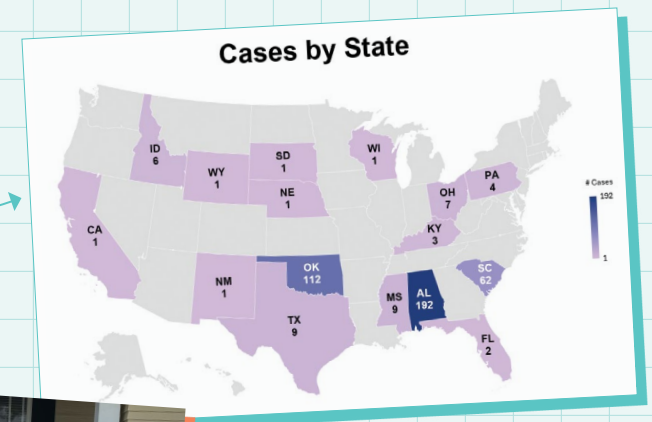
Along with state-based partners, we help bring national attention to South Carolina's "abortion as homicide" bill. The bill failed to make it out of committee in November 2025.

November

We launch our first-ever national digital campaign on the real-life risks to pregnant people's rights.

December

Pregnancy Justice staff gathers to celebrate our wins and strategize for 2026.



Pregnancy Justice staff with Women's Rights and Empowerment Network (WREN) in Columbia, South Carolina



By the Numbers*

*Numbers are through October 20, 2025

20

clients represented or advocated for, with 7 cases resolved (charges dropped or dismissed, convictions overturned, or favorable pleas negotiated)

~5,000

medical professionals, prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, students, and others trained

12

citations to our research and analysis in academic articles and judicial opinions

10

resources published, including legal analysis, factsheets, toolkits, and know-your-rights guides

~250

major national and local media hits