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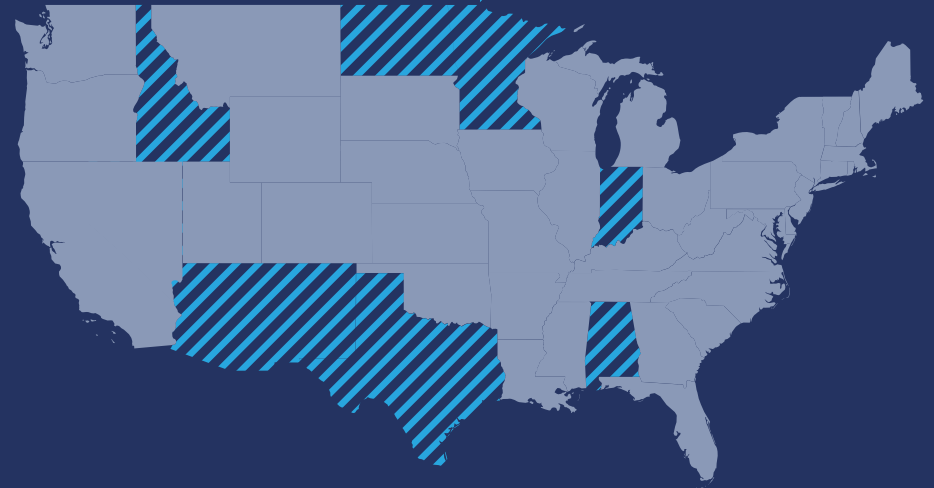
2023 in review

Following the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the Lawyering Project strengthened its commitment to helping all people gain access to the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare, including abortion care. This year, we worked with local partners, allies, and clients across the country to expand reproductive rights and eliminate barriers to obtaining reproductive health services. Your partnership made these crucial efforts possible. Thank you for your unwavering support.



Litigation

In 2023, our [Litigation](#) team took bold action to safeguard the rights of young people, bolster legal protections for abortion-related speech and travel, and thwart efforts to establish fetal personhood in the law.

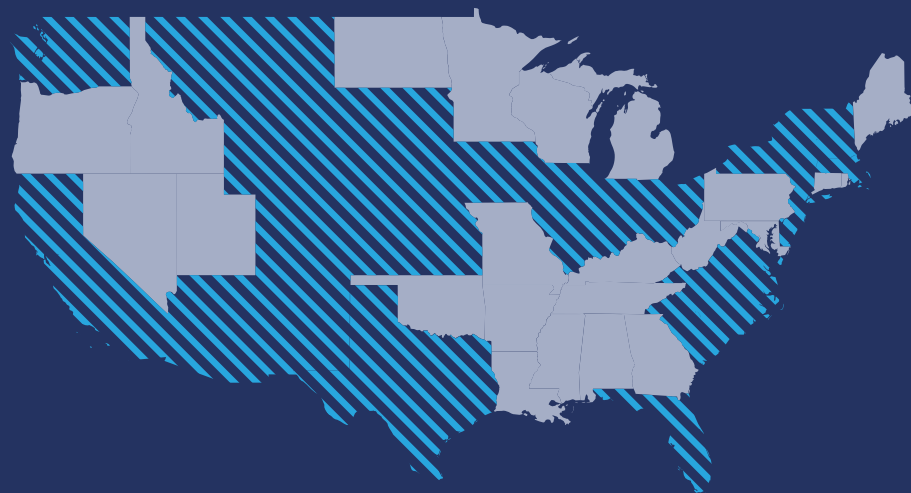


Highlights include [challenging](#) North Dakota's ban on gender affirming care for young people in partnership with Gender Justice; filing the first lawsuit in the nation to [challenge](#) restrictions on abortion-related travel, aimed at preventing pregnant teens in Idaho from obtaining abortion care, in partnership with Legal Voice and Stoel Rives; [fighting](#) threats by the Alabama Attorney General against abortion funds and other abortion helpers in partnership with the Southern Poverty Law Center; [opposing](#) Indiana's continued attacks against the health

and dignity of abortion patients and the livelihoods of abortion providers in partnership with Planned Parenthood and the ACLU; defending an Arizona abortion provider sued for wrongful death of an embryo; and filing amicus briefs on behalf of [Power to Decide](#) to support young people's right to access contraceptives and on behalf of [Eastern New Mexico Rising](#) to oppose abortion bans enacted by municipalities along New Mexico's border with Texas.

Access & Innovation

In 2023, our Access & Innovation team advised over 50 clients in 27 states and the District of Columbia — ranging from abortion providers, abortion funds and practical support organizations, activists, philanthropists, and researchers.



27
States

50+
Clients

It also established a trailblazing [General Counsel Program](#) that fills a persistent gap in the field by providing legal advice about general business and operational activities to grassroots abortion supporters — under intense scrutiny by hostile state regulators following the overturning of *Roe* — who cannot afford in-house

counsel. The legal advice and technical assistance provided by the A&I team has enabled its clients to mitigate legal risks and expand the scope of services they provide, in turn making abortion care more accessible and affordable for people who need it.

Pro Bono Initiatives

In 2023, our Pro Bono Initiatives team officially launched the [Abortion Defense Network](#), which matched abortion providers and supporters from 38 states and the District of Columbia with needed legal resources in nearly 200 matters.



38
States

200
Legal matters

The PBI team worked in partnership with other nonprofit organizations, private law firms, and allied government agencies to vet and train hundreds of lawyers to provide services to Abortion Defense Network clients, including advice on navigating the evolving legal landscape;

representation in threatened or ongoing litigation; and defense in criminal investigations and prosecutions. The Abortion Defense Network has also provided funding to defray the costs of legal proceedings.

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