

With a high-stakes case widely considered unwinnable, an incredibly tight timeframe, and a hostile forum, Joanna Wright and her team did what Boies Schiller Flexner does best: Developed a creative and successful litigation strategy that defied the odds, blocking unconstitutionally vague laws in Louisiana and elevating the overall goals of our client into the national dialogue.



After the Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* reversed *Roe v. Wade*, Louisiana and over half the states in the country restricted or eliminated reproductive health care, including emergency lifesaving care, through “trigger bans” prohibiting abortion.

The stakes are incredibly high: In Louisiana, the vague laws — which were passed only six days before *Dobbs* and

became immediately effective — prevented doctors from providing the medical standard of care to women in need of lifesaving treatment or miscarriage management.

Led by Wright, the BSF team developed and executed a winning strategy, becoming the first in the nation to block a trigger ban, enjoining Louisiana’s draconian laws less than 72 hours after *Dobbs*. The team has subsequently secured numerous victories in our efforts to preserve access to reproductive care in the state of Louisiana.

**June 27**

In under 72 hours of the bans taking effect, we filed a lawsuit arguing they are unconstitutionally vague and secured a TRO blocking their enforcement.

**July 12**

Following a transfer from New Orleans to Baton Rouge, we won a second TRO from a different district court judge.

**Current Status**

We are preparing to take our case to trial.

**KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE**

**July 6**

We successfully persuaded the Louisiana Supreme Court to deny the Attorney General’s request to stay the district court’s TRO and take the case on an emergency basis, securing what many believed to be an impossible victory in front of the highly conservative court.

**July 21**

After a lengthy oral argument in which over 800 pages of evidence were admitted into the record, the district court granted our request for a preliminary injunction ruling that plaintiffs’ “well reasoned arguments” established that the trigger bans were unconstitutionally vague.

**HIGH-PROFILE LITIGATION**

A strong litigation effort often requires strategic communications, including a national dialogue to help clients win in both the courtroom and the court of public opinion. In *Hope v. Landry*, we have consistently worked to keep attention on this developing issue and to elevate important voices in women’s health care, securing repeat coverage in the media ranging from mainstream press to legal trades to wire services to local Louisiana outlets.

- [The New York Times](#)
- [The Hill](#)
- [AmLaw Litigation Daily](#)
- [The Wall Street Journal](#)
- [USA Today](#)
- [Law360](#)
- [The Washington Post](#)
- [Associated Press](#)
- [Above the Law](#)
- [Financial Times](#)
- [Bloomberg](#)
- [The Advocate](#)
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