



ABORTION IS ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE.

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"The government has no place in legislating personal healthcare decisions. It is important to note that **abortion is still legal and people with appointments for abortions can still get them. The law has not changed — this is a draft opinion with no current legal authority.** However, while expected, it is no less shocking to read in print decades of precedent overturned with the stroke of a pen." - Ellen Alper, NCJWSTL CEO

To read NCJWSTL's statement on the Dobbs leak in its entirety, please click here.

### **TOMORROW! Post-Roe America is Here - Learn About the Missouri Abortion Fund and How You Can Help/Volunteer**



When: Tuesday, May 10 | 6:30 – 7:30 PM CT Where: Zoom Meeting RSVP Here

Fresh off the leak of the Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Clinic draft opinion, many of our members and volunteers have asked us about meaningful action. NCJWSTL is partnering with the <u>Missouri Abortion Fund</u> (MoAF) to aid Missouri residents who may have to seek abortions elsewhere.

MoAF's vision is a Missouri where the only factor in a person's choice to have an abortion is whether or not they want one. Since they began funding procedures in 2016, MoAF has put more than \$620,000 toward abortion care for over 5,700 Missourians from all over the state.

While their mission is solely geared toward paying for abortions, NCJWSTL has a

unique opportunity to partner with them to provide transportation and other services.

Are you interested in volunteering for this effort that will truly make a difference and help improve the lives of women, children, and families in Missouri? Then please join us tomorrow evening.

*Please email Jen Bernstein at <i>jbernstein@ncjwstl.org* to register for the event and to receive the zoom link.

### **Bans Off Our Bodies Rally**



When: Saturday, May 14 | 12:00 PM CT Where: Kiener Plaza

Join St. Louis abortion advocates and community partners on Saturday, May 14th, for a family-friendly day of action to demand #BansOffOurBodies and abortion access for all.

The Supreme Court has made it clear that they are prepared to overturn the 50 year precedent that recognized a person's

right to determine if they will give birth. If Roe is overturned, abortion will immediately be criminalized in Missouri.

People across Missouri are coming together to demand abortion access for all and we need you with us. Join us in Kiener Plaza on Saturday, May 14th for speakers, community building and kid friendly activities.

#### We will not back down.

For more information, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

## Abortion All Over?: The Personal is Political

# **ABORTION ALL OVER?**





Hon. Stacey Newman



Rabbi Andrea Goldstein





Dana Sandweiss, Attorney



Join us for a panel discussion about the potential impact of the Supreme Court decision on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. Wednesday, May 25, 2022 6:30 PM CT | Zoom



When: Wednesday, May 25 | 6:30 PM CT Where: Zoom Register Here

Join NCJWSTL and JCRC St. Louis for a free, virtual panel discussion as we welcome the Hon. Stacey Newman, former Missouri State Representative, Rabbi Andrea Goldstein, Shaare Emeth, and Dana Sandweiss, Attorney and Founder of AccessMO.

Guest speakers will discuss the implications of the impending Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization, expected to be finalized June 2022. Learn more about abortion from the Jewish perspective, the legal ramifications this likely judicial finding will have in Missouri, and the actions we will take together.

The event will be moderated by NCJWSTL Past President and longtime reproductive justice powerhouse Marlene Hammerman.

To RSVP or if you have questions, contact Jen Bernstein at **jbernstein@ncjwstl.org** or call the office at (314) 993.5181.

May Lunch & Learn: Missouri Legislative Session Wrap-Up with Emily Manley from Fox 2 News St. Louis



When: Thursday, May 19 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT Where: Zoom Meeting RSVP Here

The Missouri Legislature will wrap up its 2022 session on May 13th. From the Senate infighting regarding redistricting and the budget to the myriad attacks on reproductive rights, it has certainly been a doozy of a session. It can often be very difficult for the layperson to navigate its intricacies.

#### For our May Lunch and Learn, we are absolutely thrilled to welcome Emily Manley, the chief capitol bureau reporter at Fox 2 News St. Louis.

Emily received her bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University, Macomb, and completed her Master of Arts with an emphasis in Public Affairs Reporting at the University of Illinois, Springfield. She worked as an intern for WICS's statehouse bureau in Springfield, Illinois. That is where she also covered legislative efforts, committee hearings, and a gubernatorial election during grad school.

She's originally from Highland, Illinois but has enjoyed becoming a Missourian and reporting on legislation that affects the state. She currently lives in mid-Missouri.

*Please* <u>click here</u> to RSVP and receive your login information. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at <u>jbernstein@ncjwstl.org</u>.

# **Interesting Reading**



If the Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade, it would not outlaw abortion. Instead, states would be able to individually determine the procedure's legality.

Thirteen states across the country, including Missouri, have signaled their readiness to ban abortion by passing

so-called trigger laws, which would effectively ban abortions almost immediately after a decision from the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade.

<u>Click here</u> to read Jesus Jimenez's article from the New York Times, "What is a trigger law? And which states have them?"

