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Lawyers Stories Amicus Brief

Amicus signers are 368 lawyers who have had abortions.

They are current, former, and future members of the legal community who have contributed to the legal field in myriad capacities, including as equity partners of the largest firms in the country, general counsel to Fortune 100 companies, appointed and career officials in state government, and employees of all three branches of the federal government

The signers argue that access to abortion is a fundamental right that is critical to professional participation and self-direction for women lawyers, furthers equality in the legal profession, and allows lawyers to fulfill their calling to serve.

They explain that they obtained abortions for diverse reasons, including to end pregnancies when life and personal circumstances weighed against becoming a parent, and because of fetal and maternal health conditions; and under many circumstances, some involving severe burdens on access, and some in states where abortion is readily available.

All agree that access to abortion allowed them to participate equally in the life of the nation, and that the right to terminate a pregnancy, and to autonomy in decision-making and bodily integrity, must be rights in fact and not just in theory.

Amici also draw on their personal experiences to explain the necessity of third party standing for abortion providers.

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