

The *Moore* Case

Case Name: Planned Parenthood South Atlantic v. Moore

Case Action: Motion to dismiss filed on January 6, 2021.

Significance: Whether the government can ensure a safer and more informed process for women considering abortion.

Background: Over the years, the North Carolina legislature has passed laws that seek to inform and protect women considering abortion. The laws simply require that abortions be performed by



a licensed physician, that proper safety standards be in place, that abortion providers present women with all the options available to them, and that women are given a minimal opportunity to consider critical information before undergoing the procedure. Planned Parenthood and its allies filed a lawsuit, alleging that the law unlawfully places restrictions on abortion, infringing on abortionists' right to "enjoy the fruits of their labor." Women deserve to know the options they have before they make a life-altering decision like an abortion, and that's why ADF represents North Carolina Speaker of the House Timothy Moore and Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger in defending these commonsense laws.

Key Points

- Every woman has options during a pregnancy—including parenting, placing for adoption, and abortion—and North Carolina's laws help women make the best decision they can.
- The abortion industry is attempting to deprive women in need of critically helpful information.
- Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers brought this lawsuit, claiming to speak for women

 even though there are <u>no</u> women challenging the protections. These laws protect women *from* Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers.
- Many women resort to abortion because they feel it is their only choice. We should work to empower each mother to know that she is not alone, that she has options—she can raise her child or place her child in the loving arms of an adoptive family.

Key Facts

- Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, another abortion facility chain, and several abortionists are challenging 5 abortion laws in North Carolina:
 - o A physician-only requirement
 - o Prohibition of telemedicine abortions
 - o Facility-safety requirements, such as hallways and elevators that accommodate gurneys or proper ventilation systems
 - o A 72-hour informed-consent period
 - o Informed-consent information, such as how to obtain social welfare and child support

The Bottom Line: Every mother deserves to have all the information she needs when facing an unexpected pregnancy. North Carolina's laws are protecting women.