

# State Courts

In the wake of Dobbs, state courts have more power than ever to expand or deny reproductive freedom to constituencies.

What are state courts doing to affect reproductive freedom?

- State Supreme Courts have made critical rulings to protect, restrict, or criminalize abortion access in addition to a number of other issues such as voting rights, sexual violence, gun legislation, and health care.
  - Judges who oppose reproductive freedom have upheld total abortion bans, even in cases of life-threatening pregnancies.
  - Judges who support reproductive freedom have ruled that state constitutions protect the right to an abortion and have shot down restrictions on public funding to reproductive care.
- Lower courts yield equal, if not even more, influence on people's day to day lives. Their rulings on child custody, domestic violence, drug offenses, etc. are also crucial.

## Key Races in North Carolina

### Supreme Court



Pro-Choice NC is proud to endorse **Justice Allison Riggs** for her commitment to the right to abortion and reproductive freedom.



### Court of Appeals



Pro-Choice NC is proud to endorse **Martin Moore, Judge Carolyn Thompson, and Ed Elrich**.

