

Roe v. Wade / How the Case Moved Through the Court System

Supreme Court of the United States

The Court decided in favor of Roe. It stated that a) during the first trimester of pregnancy a woman could have an abortion on demand without interference from the state; b) during the second trimester the state could regulate abortions for safety but could not prohibit them entirely; and c) during the third trimester the state could regulate or forbid all abortions except to save the life of the mother.

Roe v. Wade (1973)



U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

The District Court found that the law violated Roe's rights, but it refused to issue an injunction that would have prevented the law from being enforced against all pregnant women.

Roe v. Wade (1970)