

## SLF Defends the First Amend. Rights of Pregnancy Centers in Court Brief Groups Targeted by NY AG Letitia James for Reversing Abortion Pill Effects

[March 25, 2025] Southeastern Legal Foundation (SLF), an organization of top attorneys that regularly defend Americans' constitutional rights, joined a coalition of organizations to file an <u>amici (friend of the court) brief</u> with the Second Circuit in support of First Amendment rights for pro-life pregnancy centers, which have been attacked by the NY AG for reversing the effects of abortion pills.

NIFLA v. James AAF is a case in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals where crisis pregnancy centers are suing the New York Attorney General for "threatening their ability specifically, and pro-life organizations generally, to engage in the exercise of their rights to free speech and free association."

SLF argues that AG Letitia James used "intimidation tactics to chill pro-life speech" to undermine the operations of pro-life centers while violating its First Amendment rights. AG James has targeted crisis pregnancy centers, alleging that their statements about progesterone therapy (abortion reversal drugs) constitute "deceptive acts or practices" and "false advertising" under New York law.

SLF continues, "Attorney General James has shown specific antipathy for crisis pregnancy centers, which she has called 'fake clinics,' and has taken legal action against other pro-life organizations." SLF states that AG James has a record of "weaponizing" her legal power to attack her political enemies and "show[s] specific antipathy for crisis pregnancy centers, which she has called 'fake clinics."

The brief concludes that, "**This pattern of behavior indicates Attorney General James**' **prejudicial approach to the law,** treating it as a weapon to wield against those for whom she holds political antipathy."

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