

## **TCDLA Statement on Dobbs**

### **STATEMENT:**

TCDLA takes no position on the issue of abortion. The organization is comprised of more than 3800 criminal defense attorneys, each with a very personal opinion on this issue. However, TCDLA is concerned about the criminalization of abortion, which portends massive prosecutions seeking to punish and incarcerate women, their families, professionals, and others who become entangled in an already overtaxed criminal justice system. Already this country imprisons more people than any other country in the world.

Additionally, TCDLA is opposed to any diminution of personal freedoms. Liberty should grow and not be eroded. Historically, TCDLA has sought to resist the efforts of those who seek to curtail the rights of the citizen accused and is dedicated to protecting fundamental liberty and individual privacy rights. The incursion of one person's rights, potentially diminishes the rights of all. As a criminal defense organization, we stand ever ready to protect the accused, and their defenders. TCDLA will be vigilant to ensure that constitutional rights and civil liberties are not trampled in this new era in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs* to overrule *Roe v. Wade*.

### **MISSION PURPOSE:**

TCDLA's purpose is to protect and ensure by the rule of law and protect those individual rights guaranteed by the Texas and federal Constitutions in criminal cases; to resist the constant efforts which are now being made to curtail such rights; to encourage cooperation between lawyers engaged in the furtherance of such objectives through educational programs and other assistance; and through such cooperation, education, and assistance, to promote justice and the common good.



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