

Wakefield, MA – February 23, 2024 – [The Society for the Study of Reproduction \(SSR\)](#) strongly opposes the decision made by the Alabama Supreme court in the “LePage v Mobile Infirmary Clinic” case.

In this decision, the court held that a fertilized frozen embryo in an In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) clinic is equivalent to a child. This is a scientifically and medically unfounded position. An embryo will not develop into a child without the essential nurture and support of the mother’s womb.

The undesirable consequences of this ideological decision are numerous and far-reaching. This decision exposes health care professionals who work in IVF clinics to untenable risks of civil or criminal charges, as well as personal harassment and harm. Currently, between 1- 2% of all children born in the US are the result of IVF interventions. This decision will severely limit the ability of IVF clinics to help Alabama families.

We stand with the health care professionals in Alabama and the families seeking their medical support. We oppose limitations to the medical community’s ability to provide reproductive care to help Alabama citizens have the families they want.

About the Society for the Study of Reproduction

Founded in 1967 with members in more than 50 countries, The Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) is the world’s leading association for scientists and physicians dedicated to advancing knowledge of reproductive processes in animals and humans. Pioneering scientific contributions from SSR members have been made in the following areas: stem cell biology, transgenesis, treatment of infertility, contraception, livestock production, pregnancy health, treatment of reproductive system cancers, and identification of environmental contaminants. To read the official journal of SSR, *Biology of Reproduction* (BOR), [click here](#). For more information or to join SSR, visit www.ssr.org.