

Maggie Scotece, JD.

Professional Experience

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Reproductive Rights Law Initiative Cleveland, OH
Staff Attorney/Lecturer December 2023 - Present

- Litigate challenges to state law restrictions on reproductive rights at both trial and appellate levels.
- Serve as co-operating counsel with ACLU-OH in challenges to state law.
- Advised client abortion clinics on compliance with Ohio law, and potential legal avenues for challenging state restrictions or state enforcement.

Abortion Fund of Ohio Columbus, OH
Interim Executive Director/Legal Director February 2022- December 2023

- Designed, launched and managed the first statewide Legal Access initiative providing direct legal assistance, case management, community education, and pro-bono legal support for local individuals and organizations in the realm of reproductive health.
- Collaborated with private pro-bono counsel to design and launch statewide legal taskforce in response to *Dobbs v. Jackson*; a model which has been adopted by other state and national organizations.
- Partnered with statewide public defense offices to address rising pregnancy criminalization.
- Served as in-house counsel for AFO Board of Directors navigating the rapidly changing legal landscape in Ohio Abortion Access.
- Led rebranding and name change to align with organizational values and goals.
- Partnered with Democracy Forward, ACLUOH, and NASW-OH to file a lawsuit against the city of Lebanon for banning abortion within the city limits and successfully negotiated a non enforcement settlement.
- Spearheaded strategic planning, and internal policy development for staff and Board of Directors.
- Launched and managed Free EC Program expansion and community partner development which has distributed over 10,000 doses of emergency contraception throughout Ohio since 2019.
- Raised over \$500,000 in institutional grants, including a collaborative funding coalition which brought over \$4 million in direct investments into Ohio reproductive justice organizations.
- Planned and executed a grassroots fundraising strategy resulting in over \$1 million in direct donations.
- Provided on demand legal risk evaluation and rights trainings to Ohio reproductive rights organizations and their volunteers.
- Planned, Managed & Funded the growth of full-time staff from 3 FT to 9 FT staff within 18 months.
- Created and instituted grant tracking , financial documentation, and ongoing legal compliance processes.

Disability Rights Ohio Columbus, OH
Staff Attorney May 2019 - March 2022

- Provided direct client assistance in the form of resources, referrals, and brief legal representation.
- Created informational and legal resources for distribution to clients, community members, and providers around voting rights, guardianship, civil rights complaints, and housing rights.
- Drafted Amicus Curiae briefs in relevant Federal and State Voting Rights litigation.
- Coordinated and managed Voting Hotline case assignments and Planned and drafted 2020 Post-Election Voter Accessibility Report.
- Created and presented training for myriad audiences on Alternatives to Guardianship, Voting Rights, Legal Compliance, and Accessibility.
- Drafted and submitted commentary on proposed Federal legislation and regulations.

Nielsen Law, LLC Columbus, OH
Of Counsel August 2017-January 2019

- Attorney in a boutique family law practice with duties including client management, civil discovery, civil protective orders, trial preparation, settlement negotiation, and trial practice.
- Counseled clients with a trauma informed approach.
- Drafted, edited and filed civil complaints as well as dispositive motions in local Courts.

Ohio Attorney General – Environmental Division

Saxbe Fellow/ Assistant Attorney General

Columbus, OH

September 2016 – August 2017

- Managed client agencies, civil discovery, trial preparation, settlement negotiation, motion practice, and trial practice.
- Drafted, edited, served, and filed civil letters of violation, civil complaints and dispositive motions in State Court.
- Briefed and trained agency employees on interpretation, enforcement, and litigation of Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code.
- Prepared and presented expert as well as lay witnesses for trial.

Education

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus, OH

Juris Doctor, May 2016

- Public Service Fellow with Dean's Highest Honors, 2016
- *Ohio State Business Law Journal*, Associate Editor, 2014 – 2016
- National Moot Court Grey Team, 2015 – 2016
- 2nd Best Oralist Herman Moot Court Competition, Spring 2015
- 3rd Place Colley Mock Trial Tournament, Spring 2015
- Cali Award - Trial Practice
- Grassbaugh Veterans Fellow, 2014-2016

Miami University, Oxford, OH

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies - Global Cultural Relations, December 2012

Bachelor of Arts in Italian Studies, December 2012, Minor: European Area Studies

- Thesis: *Food Security Policy Recommendations for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*.

Bar Memberships

- Ohio State Bar (Admitted Fall 2016)
- Southern District of Ohio Federal Bar

Volunteer Work

- Women Have Options - Ohio – Board of Directors, Social Chair, Swap for Solidarity, Social Media Management, Practical Support Volunteer
- Fair Districts Ohio - Map Competition Advisory Committee
- National Lawyers Guild - Jail Support Team
- Ohio Democratic Party Disability Caucus - Founding Member
- Supported Decision Making Network of Ohio - Founding Member & Facilitator
- Ohio Reproductive Liberty Defense Fund (OH RELIEF) - Founding Member

Publications

- *Abortion Fund of Ohio Program Create to Assist, Advise People Facing Penalties for Reproductive Healthcare*, Cleveland Plain Dealer, February 22, 2023 (op-ed)
<https://www.cleveland.com/opinion/2023/02/abortion-fund-of-ohio-program-created-to-assist-advise-people-facing-penalties-for-reproductive-healthcare-maggie-scootece.html>
- *Ohioans Deserve Access to Abortion Care, Let's Work Together to Preserve that Right*, Cleveland Plain Dealer, June 17, 2022 (op-ed)
<https://www.cleveland.com/opinion/2022/06/ohioans-deserve-access-to-abortion-care-lets-work-together-to-preserve-that-right-maggie-scootece.html>

Trainings Presented/Upcoming

- Abortion on the Ballot, UCLA Law Center on Reproductive Health, November 2023
- Judicial Bypass 101, Summer 2023
- Post - Dobbs Attorney Training and Legal Update, If When How, ACLU, April 2023

- Abortion Accessibility & Criminalization, NLG -OH Conference, January 2023
- Abortion Accessibility Workshop, NASW - OH Conference, November 2022
- Keynote: Criminalization of Social Work Practice: Moral Courage & Managing Risk, November 2022
- University of Cincinnati Jones Center Social Justice Symposium - October 2022
- Ohio Policy Evaluation Network, Post Roe for Providers - October 2022
- Abortion & Disability Justice Panel, Autistic Self Advocacy Network Annual Gala - October 2022
- Ohio Post-Dobbs Legal Landscape Symposium - July 2022
- Alternatives to Guardianship Panel - May 2021
- Increasing Access for Voters with Disabilities - May 2021
- Supported Decision Making Workshop - April 2021 (Session 1) & May 2021 (Session 2)
- Voting Rights and Resources Part I & II with Center for Disability Empowerment, and League of Women Voters - Aug. & Sept. 2020
- Voting Accessibility with ACLU of Ohio and All Voting is Local - Aug. 2020