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### **Statement from ACBA President Joseph R. Williams**

**PITTSBURGH** – Allegheny County Bar Association President Joseph R. Williams has issued the following statement in response to the United States Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*:

“The bedrock of the Allegheny County Bar Association centers on a reverence for the judicial branch, including the highest court in our nation. The events surrounding the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* have generated impassioned reactions from many Americans.

“However, the mission of the ACBA goes beyond any one person’s beliefs on a particular issue; it is rooted in the integrity of the legal system as a whole. The premature leak of a draft opinion from the Supreme Court calls into question the independence of the judiciary. Similarly, the Court’s reversal of a fifty-year precedent conflicts with the Court’s longstanding recognition of the doctrine of stare decisis and has caused many citizens to believe that the judiciary has become politicized. The ACBA will continue to lead efforts of advocacy, education and public service to advance each person’s right to a just, accessible and inclusive judicial system in Allegheny County and beyond.”

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**About the ACBA**

*Chartered in 1870 and headquartered in downtown Pittsburgh, the Allegheny County Bar Association is a professional organization with approximately 6,000 member attorneys, judges, district justices, legal administrators and paralegals.*