

Judge in Nebraska to Rule on Final Federal Abortion Ban Trial on Wednesday, September 8

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WHAT: A decision will be handed down in *Carhart v. Ashcroft*, a federal civil rights lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska. The suit was brought by the Center for Reproductive Rights on behalf of four doctors challenging the constitutionality of the "Partial Birth Abortion Act of 2003" signed into law by President George W. Bush on November 5, 2003.

This will be the last decision in three challenges to the federal abortion ban. Judges in San Francisco and New York have declared the ban unconstitutional.

WHO: Judge: Honorable Richard G. Kopf

Plaintiffs: The lawsuit is filed on behalf of:

LeRoy Carhart, M.D., a physician licensed to practice in Nebraska, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Wisconsin,

William G. Fitzhugh, M.D., a physician licensed to practice in Virginia,

William H. Knorr, M.D., a physician licensed to practice in New York, Alabama, South Carolina and Maryland,

Jill L. Vibhakar, M.D., a physician licensed to practice in Iowa.

Defendant: John Ashcroft, Attorney General of the United States

WHEN: Wednesday, September 8, 2004

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