

# ***Abortion Rights and Legal Protections for Pregnant Workers in the Post-Dobbs Era***

## **Legal Network for Gender Equity Webinar**

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**Speaker List and Biographies**

(in alphabetical order by surname)

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