**Roe V. Wade**

**Brief Fact Summary.** A state law that absolutely prohibited elective abortions was challenged as unconstitutional.

**Synopsis of Rule of Law.** Consistent with the Constitution, a state may not absolutely prohibit elective abortions.

**Facts.** Roe (Plaintiff) was threatened with prosecution under a Texas law that prohibited all abortions other than those necessary to save the life of the mother.  Plaintiff later challenged the law as unconstitutional.  The district and appellate courts held the law constitutional, and the United States Supreme Court granted review.

**Issue.** May a state constitutionally prohibit all elective abortions?