

# BARBARA LAGOA ON ABORTION

## Highlights:

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**Lagoa Ruled To Uphold Georgia's Six-Week Abortion Ban.** According to the New York Times, "A federal appeals court panel immediately allowed a Georgia law that bans abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy to go into effect on Wednesday, ending a yearslong battle over one of the country's most restrictive laws. The law, signed by Gov. Brian Kemp in 2019, prohibits most abortions after six weeks of pregnancy, which is typically when doctors can begin to detect a fetus's cardiac activity. Exceptions to the law are allowed if a woman faces serious harm or death in pregnancy, or in cases of rape or incest, so long as a police report has been filed. Georgia law previously allowed abortions until at least 20 weeks of pregnancy. In the ruling by a three-judge panel from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, Chief Judge William H. Pryor Jr. wrote that the Supreme Court case that overturned *Roe v. Wade* 'makes clear that no right to abortion exists under the Constitution, so Georgia may prohibit them.' He also wrote that the state's expanded definition of a natural person, which the law says includes 'a member of the species of *Homo sapiens* at any stage of development who is carried in the womb' was not vague, as the plaintiffs had argued. [...] All three judges on the panel were appointed by Republican presidents. Judge Pryor was nominated by President George W. Bush, and Judge Barbara Lagoa by President Donald J. Trump; Judge Harvey Schlesinger, a visiting district court judge sitting on the appeals court, was nominated by President George H.W. Bush." [New York Times, [4/20/22](#)]