

DON WILLETT ON ABORTION

Highlights:

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Willett Allowed Texas’ Extreme Abortion Ban To Stand

WILLETT UPHELD A TEXAS LAW BANNING A COMMON ABORTION METHOD FOR SECOND-TRIMESTER PREGNANCIES

Willett Was On A Panel Of Judges That Upheld A Texas Law Banning A Common Abortion Method For Second-Trimester Pregnancies. According to the Associated Press, “A Texas law outlawing an abortion method commonly used to end second-trimester pregnancies has been upheld by a federal appeals court in New Orleans. [...] A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals blocked enforcement of the law last year. But Texas was granted a re-hearing by the full court, and a majority of the 14 appellate judges who heard arguments in January (three of the court’s 17 active judges were recused) sided with Texas on Wednesday. The opinion, by judges Jennifer Walker Elrod and Don Willett, said “the record shows that doctors can safely perform D&Es and comply with SB8 using methods that are already in widespread use.” [Associated Press, [8/19/21](#)]

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