

## BCPI Files Amicus Briefs

This past January the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, Bioethics Defense Fund and Life Legal Defense Foundation started filing Amicus Curiae briefs in several different US Court of Appeals Circuits in support of businesses suing Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services and the secretaries of Labor and Treasury and their respective US Departments challenging the provisions of the Affordable Health Care Act known as “Obamacare.”

One of the businesses, Hobby Lobby, was widely reported upon in the media. The founder and CEO of Hobby Lobby, David Green, wrote an open letter describing the business he started 40 years ago in a garage that grew to a chain in 41 states. In the letter he said he ran his business on Christian principles that kept his stores closed on Sundays and closed at an early hour so his employees could have a day of rest and spend time with their families. He starts full-time employees 80% above minimum wage and has raised wages for the past four years. He wrote “...But now our government threatens to change all that. A new government health care mandate says that our family business MUST provide for what I believe are abortion-causing drugs as part of our health insurance. Being Christians, we don’t pay for drugs that might cause abortions....”

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## Young Women’s Breast Cancer Rates Rising

This past February, the news media widely covered a study in JAMA which showed that the incidence in breast cancer had almost doubled over the past 34 years, 2% per year, compounded. This represents an over 90% increase in women between 20 and 39 years old. The cancers they were citing were invasive and had already spread outside of the breast which are life threatening. The author, Rebecca Johnson, had been diagnosed herself at age 27 with breast cancer.

You might have seen the NBC news report given by Dr. Nancy Snyderman which reported the increase on the evening news. She reported that the reason for the increase was not known but she suggested that the environment or perhaps obesity might be a cause. The audience was then shown the “usual suspects:” the obligatory “fat women on the street” footage that is always played when you are putting the onus on the victims. The svelte Dr. Snyderman does not seem to know **premenopausal** obesity is not a risk for breast cancer, although **postmenopausal** obesity is a risk.

What was missing from the report was that non-invasive breast cancer, in-situ cancers, had risen by 300% since 1975 according to the SEER data collected by the National Cancer Institute. In-situ cancers are treated with mastectomy or partial mastectomy with radiation and at least 5 years of hormonal therapy. In-situ cancers progress into invasive cancers if not treated.

Dr. Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society, said that the results of The JAMA study supported the anecdotal reports of more young women getting breast cancer and said one of the most likely reasons is related to child-bearing practices.

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## A Note from the President...

It is inconceivable to me as a breast surgeon and mother that the Government, which is supposed to support and improve public health, would instead encourage the use of Group 1 carcinogens (oral contraceptives) and that it could be forced upon business owners who rightfully want to follow their deeply held beliefs and not give these carcinogens to their employees. When I was asked to help with the Amicus Curiae brief (described in this BCPI Report), I was very happy to do so. Right now, our tax dollars will go to promote



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breast cancer, ever increasing the epidemic women and their families already endure. This is the real “War on Women” that we need to fight. It’s not only cancer that more women will succumb to but also strokes, heart attacks, blood clots in their legs and lungs, and HIV infection of themselves and their partners. They will also be more likely to die a violent death. All of the documentation to support the veracity of these dire effects can be found in BCPI’s newest brochure, “*The Pill Kills.*”

In addition to working with other non-profits on legal challenges to “Obamacare,” I have continued to work with representatives of international NGOs at the yearly meeting of the United Nations’ Commission on the Status of Women, which is held over a two-week period during February and March. Dr Joel Brind and I give lectures and provide BCPI materials to women from around the world. Through these meetings, which we have attended for over 10 years, BCPI has been able to provide information and materials to the Caribbean countries, Canada, Australia, New Zealand,

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## Third Annual BCPI Golf Classic

This June 21<sup>st</sup>, BCPI will hold its **Third Annual Golf Classic** at the Cranberry Golf Club in New Jersey. This year we will honor the memory of Charnette Messe who succumbed to breast cancer on December 3, 2011.

Charnette was an incredible advocate of breast cancer survivors. She and her husband Tom, who is a physician, have supported BCPI for over ten years. Charnette was diagnosed with breast cancer the same day she learned she was pregnant with her second child at the age of 32. She was treated while she was pregnant and gave birth to her healthy son. Charnette gave her story on our “ABC Link—What every woman has the right to know” video in a compelling interview. She was tireless, beautiful, courageous and wonderful. She will be greatly missed and always remembered. Please see our web site for the details of the event. We will give all those that support this outing a copy of the DVD as a thank you.



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The briefs filed contain two arguments. The first is that the Mandate is arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedures Act because the Government entirely failed to consider highly relevant evidence showing that hormonal contraceptives significantly increase women's health risks, including cancers, cardiovascular disease and the acquisition and transmission of HIV. The second argument is that because the mandate includes drugs that significantly increase serious health risks, the Government cannot meet its burden under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of demonstrating that the mandate furthers its asserted interest in the health and well-being of women. The brief uses the information that oral contraceptives increases the risk of heart attack, stroke, cardiovascular complications, causes greater susceptibility to sexually transmitted disease as well breast, cervical and liver cancers. The Institutes of Medicine report used to support the government's assertion that increase use of contraceptives will promote women's health as well as the Government's contention that the mandate furthers asserted interests of promoting gender equity is debunked using the truth of the medical and social consequences of oral contraceptives.

Today, according to the Center of Disease Control statistics, 82% of all women of reproductive age are already taking these carcinogenic drugs. No doubt if these challenges to the present law are unsuccessful, breast cancer incidence, especially in young women, will continue to rise as more women are induced to take advantage of "free" and carcinogenic birth control. No doubt Obamacare will cause more disease and higher mortality rates in young women should it survive these challenges.

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This is a sea change for the American Cancer Society. In 2003, the statistical reporting of invasive and in-situ breast cancers was changed so that the one number given to the public about how many cases of breast cancer occurred in a given year represented only the *invasive cancers* which had risen about 40% over 35 years. That is why the American Cancer Society could say with a "straight face" it just *seemed* like there were more 30 year olds with cancer. They just ignored the 300% increase in the in-situ cancers in women under 50, which included the 30 year olds.

Not one authority interviewed about the astounding results of the JAMA study mentioned that the vast majority of young women were taking a Group 1 carcinogen for breast cancer, unless they are now spoken about as environmental toxins, which they become in our rivers and drinking water.

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China, Taiwan, the Philippines, Singapore, Mexico, several South American countries, Ireland, England, Austria, Romania, Croatia, and many African nations including Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa. They have resulted in relationships that have endured as BCPI becomes a resource for them as they educate their fellow countrymen and give testimony when laws governing abortion and contraception are brought forward for discussion. Just last month BCPI sent an order of 1,000 DVDs of the "Abortion Breast Cancer Link, What Every Woman Has the Right to Know," to a very energized and enthusiastic man from Nairobi, Kenya. Although the DVD was produced in 2003, all of the information in it remains true ten years later. It's our largest order to date. The DVD is 26-minutes and has testimonies of 3 women who believe abortion caused their breast cancer, Dr. Brind explaining the studies, and myself explaining the biology of the ABC Link. There is also a condensed 13-minute version of the DVD available.

I am very gratified that medical students here and in Canada have requested lectures on both hormonal contraceptives and induced abortion as a cause of breast cancer. In the last 6 months I have spoken with them at the University of Arizona, University of Texas in Houston and Galveston, Johns Hopkins, and the De-Groote School of Medicine in Hamilton, Canada.

I've also continued working with the Families of the Americas Foundation giving lectures on the lethal effects of The Pill, breast physiology and the effects of reproductive outcomes as part of the training courses given to those certifying as natural family planning teachers.

I continue to be encouraged by all of the support received from those from around the world that have thanked us for our information and have translated our materials into their own languages. We are going to publish our "Risk and Prevention" booklet in Spanish soon. Currently, it is only available to read or download in Spanish from our website.

**I want to thank our supporters who do fundraisers in their own communities for BCPI, and those who take our brochures to health fairs and breast cancer awareness events to educate the public on avoidable risks, and those that give of their treasure so we can maintain our organization devoted to preventing breast cancer.**



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Recently we have had some mail that had either gone astray or was delayed in reaching our office. When mailing a letter, payment or donation to BCPI, please address your envelope to Dr. Lanfranchi's attention:

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**Thank you!**