

History of the Defense of Oregon's Assisted-Dying Law

11.06.01	Ashcroft takes action to nullify Oregon's law.
11.07.01	Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers files suit in Federal Court thwarting Ashcroft's order. Compassion patient Richard Holmes becomes the first plaintiff in <i>Oregon v. Ashcroft</i> .
11.20.01	Judge Robert E. Jones issues a 4 month restraining order against the Ashcroft Directive.
01.22.02	Compassion files a brief defending the rights of nine terminally ill patients.
03.22.02	US District Court hears arguments. Compassion patient Jim Romney advocates for choice.
04.17.02	OREGON WINS!
09.23.02	Ashcroft appeals his defeat to the 9 th Circuit Court
11.13.02	25 medical and health policy organizations oppose the Ashcroft Directive as bad for pain care and file <i>Friend of the Court</i> briefs.
05.07.03	A three-judge panel hears oral arguments. Compassion attorneys argue "patients would be irreparably harmed"
05.26.04	OREGON WINS AGAIN! 9th Circuit Court of Appeals rebukes Ashcroft 2-1
07.13.04	Ashcroft asks Court to reconsider ruling, seeks rehearing.
08.16.04	9th Circuit Court of Appeals rejects Ashcroft's appeal.
11.09.04	US Attorney General, Ashcroft files an appeal with the US Supreme Court.
11.15.04	Ashcroft resigns as Attorney General, Bush appoints Alberto Gonzales.
02.22.05	US Supreme Court grants review of <i>Oregon v. Ashcroft</i> , case renamed <i>Gonzales v Oregon</i> .
07.21.05	Diverse groups defend Oregon law, amicus briefs filed by medical, civil rights, religious and disability coalitions.
10.05.05	U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments in <i>Gonzales v. Oregon</i>