

## **At oral argument, Roy T. Englert Jr. asks the Supreme Court to limit application of RICO**

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First Amendment concerns crept into the debate before the U.S. Supreme Court Wednesday over whether anti-extortion and racketeering laws can be used to punish and prevent protests that block abortion clinics and intimidate staff and patients.

Roy Englert Jr. of Washington, D.C.'s Robbins, Russell, Englert, Orseck & Untereiner argued on behalf of the anti-abortion groups that the protests could not conceivably fit the definition of extortion, which includes obtaining the property of others.

"My clients don't have the property" of the clinics, Englert said. "Control is not property. Property is property."

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