

Bodily integrity, privacy and autonomy in *Dobson*

“Although the law of torts has traditionally been the province of the courts, to impose tort liability on mothers for prenatal negligence would have consequences which are impossible for the courts to assess adequately. This development would involve extensive intrusion and frequently unpredictable effects on the rights of bodily integrity, privacy and autonomous decision-making of pregnant women. The resolution of such fundamental policy issues is a matter best left to the legislature.”

Dobson v Dobson 174 DLR (4th) 1, 17 per Cory J