

# Seema K. Shah, J.D.

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## EDUCATION

**STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, J.D.**, May 2005, graduated with *pro bono* distinction  
**Activities:** Co-President, Asian Pacific Islander Law Students Association; Vice-President, Stanford Biolaw; *Stanford Technology Law Review*; law clerk for East Palo Alto Community Law Clinic and Immigrants' Rights Clinic

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY, A.B.** in Human Biology, June 2000, honors in Ethics in Society  
**Activities:** Mock Trial competition (Outstanding Witness Award), Oxford University Study Abroad Program, Teaching Assistant for "Thinking About Religion" course and Bioethics course, Project AIYME Mentor

**Senior Thesis:** Unclaimed Infants: An analysis of the acceptance of parental responsibility in surrogate motherhood

## EXPERIENCE

**DEPARTMENT OF BIOETHICS (CLINICAL CENTER), THE HJF LIAISON OFFICE FOR THE DIVISION OF AIDS, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, Bethesda, MD**

Faculty, Contractor, December 2006 – Present

- Conduct research into the ethics of multinational research and pediatric research
- Conduct ethical review of research for the Division of AIDS
- Serve as an on-call ethics consultant and ethics committee member
- Mentor fellows and legal extern
- Deliver lectures on research and medical ethics for training purposes in international ethics workshops in developing countries and throughout NIH

**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM B. SHUBB, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, Sacramento, CA**  
Judicial Law Clerk, November 2005 – October 2006

- Conducted legal research in areas such as civil rights, patent, and criminal law
- Prepared judge for oral argument
- Drafted opinions for motions seeking dismissal, suppression, summary judgment, and judgment on the administrative record

**MORRISON & FOERSTER, L.L.P., San Diego, CA**  
Summer Associate, May – July 2004

- Drafted memoranda for litigation
- *Pro bono* work in domestic violence and AIDS law clinics

**PERKINS COIE, L.L.P., Menlo Park, CA**  
Summer Associate, July – August 2004

- Drafted motions and memoranda for patent litigation

**THE HONORABLE IRMA E. GONZALEZ, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, San Diego, CA**  
Judicial Extern, June – August 2003

- Drafted court orders on issues including immigration and constitutional law

## DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL BIOETHICS, NIH, Bethesda, MD

Fellow, September 2000 – July 2002

- Researched and published conceptual work in the areas of informed consent, human subjects research, and cross-cultural issues in medicine
- Conducted empirical research on ethical and legal aspects of research with children
- Served as on-call ethics consultant for patients, nurses, physicians, and genetic counselors

## PUBLICATIONS

- **S. Shah**, S. Elmer, C. Grady, *Planning for Post-trial Access to Antiretroviral Therapy in Developing Countries*, forthcoming in AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
- R. Wolitz, E. Emanuel, **S. Shah**, *Rethinking the Responsiveness Requirement for International Research*, forthcoming in THE LANCET.
- **S. Shah**, *How Lethal Injection Reform Constitutes Impermissible Research on Prisoners*, AMERICAN CRIMINAL LAW REVIEW, Vol. 45, No. 3 (Summer 2008).
- **S. Shah**, *Beyond Barriers: A Surprising Lesson about the Complexity of Culture*, ORGANIZATIONAL ETHICS: HEALTHCARE, BUSINESS, AND POLICY, Vol. 3, No. 1 (Fall 2006).
- D. Wendler, **S. Shah**, *How Can Medical Training and Informed Consent be Reconciled with Volume-Outcome Data?*, 17 JOURNAL OF CLINICAL ETHICS 149 (Summer 2006).
- A. Whittle, **S. Shah**, B. Wilfond, G. Gensler, D. Wendler, *Institutional Review Board Practices Regarding Assent in Pediatric Research*, 113 PEDIATRICS 1747 (2004).
- **S. Shah**, A. Whittle, B. Wilfond, G. Gensler, D. Wendler, *How Do Institutional Review Boards Apply the Risk and Benefit Standards for Pediatric Research?*, 291 JAMA 476 (2004).
- D. Wendler, **S. Shah**, *Should Children Decide Whether they are Enrolled in Non-Beneficial Research?*, 3 AM. J. BIOETHICS 4: 1-7 (2004).
- D. Wendler, **S. Shah**, A. Whittle, B. Wilfond, *Non-Beneficial Research with Individuals Who Cannot Consent: Is it Ethically Better to Enroll Healthy or Affected Individuals?*, 25 IRB 1 (2003).
- **S. Shah**, *The "Subject's Condition Requirement": Unjustified Exceptionalism in the Federal Regulations*, 6 THE LEGAL BRIEF, AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES EXCHANGE 5 (Spring 2003).
- **S. Shah**, *Transplantation Ethics Book Review*, 11 PROGRESS IN TRANSPLANTATION 298 (2001).
- H. Forster, **S. Shah**, *Legal Trends in Bioethics*, 12 J. CLINICAL ETHICS 319 (2001).
- M. Forzley, H. Forster, **S. Shah**, E. Howe, *International Health Law*, 35 INT'L LAW. 713 (Summer 2001).

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Admitted to California Bar, January 2005

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "International Research Ethics," PRIM&R Advanced Ethics Workshop, Orlando, Florida, November 2008.
- "The Ethics of Research on Nutrition on People Living with HIV/AIDS", Nutrition/HIV clinical management workshop, Gaithersburg, Maryland, October 2008.
- "Pediatric Research Ethics", NIH Ethics Training Workshop, Hanoi, Vietnam, June 2008.
- "Post-trial Access," Fogarty Scholars Session, Bethesda, Maryland, July 2007.
- "The Ethics of Multinational Research," The Botswana Harvard AIDS Institute Project, Gaborone, Botswana, May 2007.