

**CIRM Scientific and Scientific and Medical Accountability Standards Working
Group:
Biographical information of candidates nominated to serve as
Medical Ethicists Member of the Working Group**

Radhika Rao, Professor of Law

Born in India, Professor Rao moved to the United States when she was one year old. She grew up in Massachusetts, and attended Harvard College, where she studied physics and chemistry while anchoring for WHRB news and acting in various plays. After spending a year working for a securities firm in Tokyo, she decided to abandon science for a career in the law. She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School and served as Supreme Court Editor of the Harvard Law Review.

After graduation, she clerked for Judge Richard Cudahy of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Justices Harry Blackmun and Thurgood Marshall of the U. S. Supreme Court. She also spent a year teaching at Boalt and practicing litigation at Heller, Ehrman in San Francisco. Professor Rao teaches in the areas of constitutional law, family law, and property, and the law of the human body. She has been a visiting professor at Brooklyn Law School, the University of Michigan Law School, and the University of Trento in Italy.

Professor Rao has written articles on abortion, assisted reproduction, cloning, stem cell research, genetics, gene patenting, and property rights in the human body, some of which have been translated into Italian and Chinese. She was a member of the California Advisory Committee on Human Cloning, and currently serves on the California Human Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee. She is also a national reporter for the United States to the 17th International Congress of Comparative Law in Utrecht, Netherlands.

Dorothy Roberts, Professor of Law

Professor Roberts has published more than fifty articles and essays in books, scholarly journals, newspapers, and magazines, including Harvard Law Review, Yale Law Journal, University of Chicago Law Review, Social Text, and The New York Times. She has written *Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare* (Basic Civitas Books, 2002) and *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty* (Pantheon, 1997). She was the co-author of casebooks on constitutional law and women and the law. *Killing the Black Body* received a 1998 Myers Center Award for the Study of Human Rights in North America. Her influential article, "Punishing Drug Addicts Who Have Babies: Women of Color, Equality, and the Right of Privacy" (Harvard Law Review, 1991), has been widely cited and is included in a number of anthologies.

Roberts has delivered several endowed lectures, including the James Thomas Lecture at Yale Law School. She was elected twice by the Rutgers University School of Law graduating class to be faculty graduation speaker, and was voted outstanding first-year course professor by the Northwestern School of Law class of 2000. She received the Radcliffe University Graduate Society Medal in June, 1998. Her current projects concern race and child welfare policy.

Roberts has been a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Stanford University.

In 2002-03, she was a Fulbright Scholar at the Centre for Gender and Development Studies, University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago, where she conducted research on family planning policy and on gender, sexuality, and HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean. She is currently conducting research on the significance of the spatial concentration of state supervision of children in African American communities and on the use of race in biomedical research and biotechnology.