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## Welcome

With great pleasure, the Planning Committee welcomes you to the 2007 Joint AALS-ASRM Workshop on Reproductive Medicine and Law. We are very excited about the nature and breadth of our program and are confident that the conference will be extremely rewarding to all participants.

In a first for AALS, we have partnered with the American Society of Reproductive Medicine to explore the legal and ethical issues posed by the rapidly expanding panoply of tools available to overcome infertility. We have planned a series of workshops and conferences (5!) that are being given in a variety of venues, but this is the most ambitious, bringing together clinicians and law professors and other scholars from the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom to explore the status of embryos, religious and multicultural perspectives of assisted reproductive technologies, trait selection, and national and international regulation. A highlight of this meeting will doubtless be a plenary session on donor/ surrogacy/rearing rights that will be conducted jointly with the Workshop on Family Law, occurring at the same time. Every session in the Workshop on Reproductive Medicine and Law will feature leaders in reproductive medicine as well as leading law professors. Attendees will also be able to attend other sessions of the Workshop on Family Law without additional charge, although it may be hard to tear oneself away from this program.

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Interdisciplinarity can happen! See you in Vancouver.

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