



# Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law



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## MYRIAD GENETICS: A NEW ROADMAP TO PATENTING GENES?

Saturday, August 7 • 8:30 am to 10:00 am  
Room 2024, 2nd Floor, Moscone Center West

This program will dovetail the Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law’s previous program which discussed the pros and cons of predictive genetic testing. On March 29, 2010, the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of New York invalidated the patents for the BCRA1 and BCRA2 genes, predictors for ovarian and breast cancer, in *Association for Molecular Pathology, et al. v. United States Patent and Trademark Office, et al.*, No. 09-Civ-4515 (S.D.N.Y.) (“Myriad Genetics”). Many had thought the lawsuit would not survive the summary judgment phase, since patents have been issued on living organisms since 1980 in the landmark Supreme Court decision, *Diamond v. Chakrabarty*. The Myriad Genetics case will be appealed, but what are the implications for existing patents, genetic testing, and the future for research and development and individuals? Please join a panel of national experts as they discuss these and other important questions.

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