

Ellen Clayton

Craig-Weaver Professor of Pediatrics; Professor of Law; Professor of Health Policy at Vanderbilt University

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World-renowned medical ethicist working at the intersection of law, medicine and public health, with a focus on genetics.

Biography

Ellen Wright Clayton is an internationally respected leader particularly in the field of law and genetics. Professor Clayton's scholarship currently focuses on the translation of genomics to clinical care, and she currently is co-principal investigator of two grants, one involving a transdisciplinary Center for Excellence in ELSI Research addressing genomic privacy and another analyzing legal issues in liability, quality, privacy and access, and the clinical-research interface, all with the goal of developing more effective solutions. She has published two books and more than 175 scholarly articles and chapters in medical journals, interdisciplinary journals and law journals on the intersection of law, medicine and public health. In addition, she has collaborated with faculty and students throughout Vanderbilt and in many institutions around the country and the world on interdisciplinary research projects and helped to develop policy statements for numerous national and international organizations. An active participant in policy debates, she has advised the National Institutes of Health as well as other federal and international bodies on an array of topics ranging from children's health to the ethical conduct of research involving human subjects. Her teaching interests include law and genomics, bioethics and law, reproductive rights, and public health and research ethics. Professor Clayton has worked on numerous projects for the National Academy of Medicine, including serving as a member of its Advisory Council and chair of the Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice. She is currently co-chair of the Report Review Committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. She is an elected Fellow of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science.

Areas of Expertise

Gender and the Law, Legal and Ethical Issues in Children's and Women's Health, Research Ethics, Genetics and Health Policy, Medical Ethics, General Pediatrics, Gene Editing, Genetic Privacy, Biomedical Ethics and Law, Legal and Ethical Issues Raised by Genetics, Genetics, Public Health Law, Family Law

Education

Harvard Medical School

M.D.

Yale Law School

J.D.

Stanford University
M.S. Biology

Duke University
B.S. Zoology

Accomplishments

Frank H. Morriss, Jr. Leadership Award, University of Iowa Department of Pediatrics and University of Iowa Foundation
2015

David P. Rall Medal, Institute of Medicine
2013

Member, American Pediatric Society
2013

Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science
2012

William G. Bartholome Award for Ethical Excellence, American Academy of Pediatrics
2010

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