



FACT SHEET ***Sherley v. Sebelius***

ABOUT Sherley v. Sebelius

On Mar. 9, 2009, President Obama rescinded via executive order former President Bush's executive order that limited federally funded embryonic stem cell research. Attorneys with Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher, LLC, filed a federal lawsuit alleging that the guidelines governing destructive embryonic stem cell research implemented by the Obama administration in July "were promulgated without observing the procedures required by law."

CURRENT STATUS OF Sherley v. Sebelius AS OF 04/09/2010

On Oct. 27, 2009, a federal district court dismissed the lawsuit, which has now been appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Oral argument will be held in the case on April 12.

FOCUS OF HEARING – WHAT IS AT STAKE?

The [lawsuit](#) contends that the Obama administration's embryonic stem cell research policy is in violation of the Dickey/Wicker amendment, a federal law which prohibits federal funds being used to destroy human embryos for research purposes. If the policy is upheld, other prohibitions on using federal funds to destroy human life could be in jeopardy.

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