



Hopefully, as you read this message you are back from a wonderful family vacation, safe and sound ensconced once again in your professional routine. Barbara and I enjoyed an exciting road trip visiting the southwestern part of the United States including Sedona, Ariz., and Santa Fe, N.M. In fact, we had the pleasure of meeting Clark Watts and his lovely wife Patty in Santa Fe and enjoyed this extraordinary city together. And now, reality has reared its head and I'm "back in the saddle" again.

Many good things continue to happen in the college as a result of proactive leadership. Fill Buckner, one of our past presidents, has stepped forward and accepted another position of major responsibility. He is in the process of reviving and energizing the ACLM Foundation. This is an arduous task requiring many hours of hard work and considerable attention to detail. The Foundation is a vehicle for providing gifts, donations and contributions to the ACLM. I will continue to update you on this activity and encourage you all to consider the ACLM Foundation when you are in a generous mood. As you know, the Foundation is dedicated to educational and related activities in the health care law and legal medicine arena.

It's not too early to make your plans for the 2004 Annual Meeting! The entire program is virtually complete and will be available after final approval by the Board of Governors in Chicago later this month. You can look forward to an informative and timely educational conference. A large attendance is expected. The Las Vegas members, thanks to Don Havins, will attend in force. As usual, Don has been very helpful in marketing the annual meeting with the Clark County Medical Society. I have said many times that success is all about active membership participation. Don Havins is a prime example of this kind of participation. Thank you, Don.

Sandy Sanbar and Cyril Wecht, also past presidents of the college, are reactivating the American Board of Legal Medicine Examination and the review course preparatory for the exam. They are planning the review course to take place within a year of the examination for certification in legal medicine. The plan is to coordinate these respective dates with our scheduled educational meetings.

I encourage you to participate in the ACLM scientific program by submitting abstracts for poster presentations at the annual meeting. For those of you interested in submitting abstracts, please read the submission instructions on other side of this insert.

Yours in recruiting,

Phil Cifarelli, M.D., J.D., FACP, FACG, FCLM

## In Memory

We honor the memory of Dr. Arthur Coleman, San Francisco's first black physician and a loyal provider for 55 years to San Francisco's largest African American population. Dr. Coleman, who held degrees in both law and medicine, was a founding member of the John Hale Medical Society in San Francisco, a member of the Port Commission, board member of St. Luke's Hospital, founder of the Bayview Hunters Point Health and Environmental Resource Center, and leader of the hugely successful fundraising drive for the African American contribution to the city's new Main Library. Dr. Arthur Coleman, 82, died at home this past year, following a valiant struggle with lung cancer. He continued to go to his office every day up until last week and remained on call and accessible to the needs of others to the end.

## Press Release

The American Board of Legal Medicine (ABLM) will present a Board Review Course for Members and Non-Members of the ACLM, in preparation for the Board Certification Examination of Fellows of ACLM. The ABLM Review Course will be held in Las Vegas, at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, on Thursday, March 4, 2004, beginning at 1:00 p.m., in conjunction with the ACLM Annual Conference. The course will last for seven (7) hours. The Course Textbook Materials will be the ACLM Textbook, *LEGAL MEDICINE*, 6th Edition, which will be released for sale in February 2004.

All Members and Non-Members of the ACLM are invited to take the ABLM Review Course, which will provide 7 hours of CME Category 1. The ABLM Examination will be given to dual degreed Fellows of ACLM at the next meeting of the College.

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Call for Submission of Abstracts for Poster Session Presentations  
at the 44th Annual Conference on Legal Medicine  
The Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino  
Las Vegas, Nevada – March 4 - 7, 2004

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: DECEMBER 15, 2003

The American College of Legal Medicine encourages you to participate in our scientific program by submitting a paper for the annual meeting Poster Presentations.

**Poster Presentations involve:**

- Selecting a scholarly topic or area of Legal Medicine that interests you
- Researching the legal opinions, medical literature or case studies
- Preparing PowerPoint slides, tables, graphs, or other exhibits that educate and inform the attendee about the topic
- Discussing your work with other experts in law and medicine in a friendly, collegial way

The Program Committee hopes that this format will: (1) encourage more presenters to submit abstracts, (2) permit papers that might have avoided selection due to time constraints to be presented, (3) broaden the scope of presented topics, (4) increase the opportunity for conference attendees to personally interact with other faculty members and presenters, and (5) provide more time for discussion and questions.

The American College of Legal Medicine invites members of the College, non-members and medical and law students who receive sponsorship from a College member, to submit an abstract of a paper for possible presentation as a "Poster Paper" at the 44th Annual Conference on Legal Medicine to be held March 4 - 7, 2004, at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, in Las Vegas, Nev. This is your opportunity to report an interesting case or prepare a scholarly analysis of a medical, legal or ethical issue that is of particular interest to you. Then, you get to discuss your opinions and conclusions over breakfast with the brightest minds in legal medicine.

David M. Benjamin, Ph.D., FCLM  
Poster Session Moderator

**Instructions for Authors**

Abstracts should be typed, double-spaced on 8 ½" x 11" paper and should be limited to two pages. Non-members of the College are required to have their abstract sponsored by a College member, and the sponsor's name should be stated in the cover letter accompanying the abstract. At the top of the abstract, indicate the author's name, professional degrees, affiliation and address. Authors will be expected to prepare a "Poster Presentation" consisting of approximately 8-10 pages of outlined or bulleted statements (extensive narratives are discouraged). Presentations should be printed in 14 pt. type or larger, or using PowerPoint or other computerized presentation programs. The presentation format should be: Approved Abstract, Introduction (Background or History), Major Points, Graphs, Tables, Supporting Literature or Case Law, Brief Discussion, Conclusions, and References.

Submit abstracts to:

Abstracts/ACLM Executive Office  
1111 N. Plaza Drive, Suite 550  
Schaumburg, IL 60173  
Telephone: (847) 969-0283  
E-mail: [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org)

All papers become the property of the ACLM. Accepted papers will be published in the conference syllabus. Presented papers can be expanded into longer manuscripts and submitted to the *Journal of Legal Medicine* for consideration.

The deadline for abstract submission is December 15, 2003. Non-members must include a statement in the cover letter indicating a College member whom they have contacted, who has agreed to serve as a "sponsor." For those individuals who have questions about their submissions, or non-members who require a referral to a College member in their vicinity who could serve as a sponsor, please contact Dr. Benjamin by phone at (617) 969-1393 or e-mail at [MEDLAW@CHANNEL1.COM](mailto:MEDLAW@CHANNEL1.COM). You will be notified about the Program Committee's decision on your paper in January 2004.