The 13th Annual National Health Law Moot Court Competition was held at Southern Illinois University School of Law in Carbondale on November 12 and 13. Once again, the American College of Legal Medicine and the ACLM Foundation co-sponsored this highly regarded national competition. This year, 21 teams from 15 law schools throughout the country argued a hypothetical problem before the United States Supreme Court involving a civil commitment proceeding against a pregnant woman who was abusing drugs. A copy of this very interesting problem appears at www.law.siu.edu/healthlawmootcourt/problem%2004_05.pdf. As ACLM president, I had the honor and privilege of joining Judge Julio M. Puentes, from the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and Judge J. Phil Gilbert, from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, to adjudicate the final round of the competition. Two exceptionally well-attended mid-year conference was generously supported through the active support of this important national competition. For more information about the competition, visit the College website at aclm.org/resources/mc_pressrelease04.asp. As ACLM president, I had the honor and privilege of serving as Program Chair, Francois Blaudeau and Program Co-Chair, Frank Battaglia, Lynn Frame, Steven Nelson, and David Watson. The College entered into an agreement with Mosby (Elsevier) to publish Legal Medicine, Sixth Edition. Efforts are now underway to prepare the manuscript, which will be delivered to Mosby in March of 2006, with anticipated release of the book in February of 2007. Sandy Sanbar, Editor-in-Chief of every edition of the textbook since its initial release in 1988, has agreed to continue to serve in this important role.

On October 2, 2004, the ACLM Board of Governors held its mid-year meeting. Highlights from this meeting include the following. • The Board approved “Guidelines on the Ethical Conduct of the Expert Witness.” These guidelines will offer valuable insights to College members and others who participate as expert witnesses in the administration of justice. I invite you to visit the College website at aclm.org/pdf/expert%20witness%20guidelines.pdf to review these guidelines. • Against the background of the success of the 2004 mid-year educational conference, the Board gave tentative approval to hold a mid-year educational conference in Chicago, in 2005, entitled “Obstetrics/Gynecology and the Law.” External grant funding is now being sought by Program Chair, Francois Blausiaux and Program Co-Chairs, Frank Battaglia, Lynn Frame, Steven Nelson, and David Watson. The Board received a report from Dick Wilbur recommending that the 2007 annual meeting of the College be expanded in scope to
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At the Awards Reception, US District Court Judge J. Phil Gilbert, US Circuit Court Judge Julio M. Fuentes, and Prof. Theodore R. LeBlang are pictured with South Texas College of Law first place team members Marianne Green, Darla Canon, and Carrie Martin.

Left to right (front row): (1st place team) Marianne Green, Darla Canon, and Carrie Martin of South Texas College of Law; (2nd place team) Jeffrey Heater and Jason Lisle (University of Tulsa College of Law). Left to right (back row) Judge J. Phil Gilbert, US District Court, Southern District of Illinois, Judge Julio M. Fuentes, US Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, and Prof. Theodore R. LeBlang, President, American College of Legal Medicine.

In Memoriam

On July 10, 2004, the ACLM lost Alan Dorian, MD, FCLM. Dr. Dorian was a veteran member of the College and a faithful attendee and speaker at our meetings. He had served two terms on the ACLM Board as the Medical Member. Dr. Dorian was a native of Pennsylvania. He graduated from Haverford College, and received his MD from Georgetown University School of Medicine. Dr. Dorian took his post-doctorate training at the Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Surgery, and a Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology. He served as chief of surgery at two Philadelphia hospitals and as President of the Montgomery County Medical Society. He founded and served as the chair of both his state and county Committees on Forensic Medicine. His kind, warm, friendly face and demeanor will be sorely missed.

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The American College of Legal Medicine encourages you to participate in its annual program by submitting a paper for “Poster Presentation”. Poster Presentations involve:

- Selecting a scholarly topic or area of Legal Medicine that interests you
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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 during the Poster sessions at the 45th Annual Conference on Legal Medicine to be held March 4 - March 6, 2005 at the Paradise Point Resort & Spa in San Diego, CA. 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 will have occasion to discuss your opinions and conclusions with the brightest minds in legal medicine.

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

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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 program. 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. Accepted abstracts become the property of the ACLM and will be published in the conference syllabus. Poster session presentations may be expanded into longer manuscripts and submitted to the Journal of Legal Medicine for consideration.

The Deadline for Abstract submission is January 15, 2005. Non-members must include a statement in the cover letter identifying 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@DOCTORBENJAMIN.COM. You will be notified about the Program Committee’s decision on your abstract in January 2005.