



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](http://www.law.siu.edu/healthlawmootcourt/problem%2004_05.pdf). As ACLM president, I had the honor and privilege of joining Judge Julio M. Fuentes, from the Third Circuit United States 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 talented teams competed. South Texas College of Law won the competition and the University of Tulsa College of Law placed second. Third place in the competition was awarded to the University of New Mexico School of Law. Cosponsorship of this highly visible national competition provides the College with an outstanding opportunity to recognize talented law students from around the country who have a strong interest in health law. All students who competed in the competition received a certificate of participation from the College as well as information regarding student membership. Kudos are in order for Gene Basanta, who chairs the ACLM National Health Law Moot Court Competition Ad Hoc Committee, as well as the individual members of this committee. Committee members worked long and hard to grade the briefs submitted by 21 teams and their excellent work is very greatly appreciated. The College looks forward to continuing its active support of this important national competition. For more information about the competition, visit the College website at [aclm.org/resources/mc\\_pressrelease04.asp](http://aclm.org/resources/mc_pressrelease04.asp).

On October 1-2, 2004, the College held a mid-year educational conference on the topic of "Cancer and the Law." This was the ACLM's first mid-year conference since 1999 and it was a great success. The faculty, comprised of 36 nationally recognized experts, gave presentations on a diverse array of critical issues confronting physicians involved in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. This well-attended mid-year conference was generously supported through unrestricted educational grants provided by AmGen, Inc., AstraZeneca, Genentech Bio Oncology, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp., and Ortho Biotech. Congratulations are in order for Dale Cowan, Program Chair, and Gary Birnbaum, Educational and Professional Development Committee Chair, whose outstanding efforts were responsible for the unambiguous success of this program.

Brochures for the 45th Annual Conference of the American College of Legal Medicine are now in the mail and may well be in your hands when you receive these Notes. Entitled "Legal Medicine 2005: Confronting the Challenges," the conference is scheduled to take place at the Paradise Point Resort & Spa in San Diego, California, March 3-6, 2005. Featuring over 50 nationally and internationally recognized speakers, the conference will focus on a multitude of timely and important

medical legal issues. Highlighting the program will be the Cyril Wecht Distinguished Lecture in Legal Medicine, entitled "Is There Space for the 'Public Good' in Health Policy," presented by Lawrence O. Gostin, J.D., Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center. The S. Sandy Sanbar Lecture, entitled "Dealing with Malpractice Litigation Stress," will be presented by Louise B. Andrew, M.D., J.D., who is highly regarded for her outstanding work in this field. Other areas of substantive emphasis in the conference program include patient safety, liability pitfalls arising from new technologies in health care, medical malpractice dilemmas, including risk management and survival strategies, physician contracting issues, fraud and abuse, pain management, and legal and ethical issues involving expert witness testimony. The conference venue is the Paradise Point Resort & Spa, which is an island oasis of blue skies, pristine beaches, and lush tropical gardens, amid the sparkling waters of Mission Bay. This resort is conveniently located only 10 minutes from the San Diego International Airport. I encourage you to register online at the ACLM website. Special thanks are in order for the outstanding work of Mel Shiffman, Annual Meeting Program Chair, and Gary Birnbaum, Educational and Professional Development Committee Chair.

Legal Medicine, Sixth Edition has been an extraordinary success for the College. It is viewed by many as one of the leading textbooks in the field of legal medicine and has served to showcase the outstanding scholarship of ACLM members. Sales of the textbook are outpacing expectations, with over 1,500 books being sold since its release in February of 2004. Against the background of this success, on October 19, 2004, the College entered into an agreement with Mosby (Elsevier) to publish Legal Medicine, Seventh 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. I congratulate Sandy Sanbar and all contributing editors and authors for their outstanding work—over the course of nearly two decades—and express deep appreciation for Sandy's leadership in connection with this most important College endeavor.

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](http://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 Blaudeau 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

include an international component; this program would be recognized by the World Association for Medical Law as an official International Congress. The Board viewed this proposal favorably and asked for a more detailed report to be considered at its March, 2005 meeting. • The Board acted favorably on the recommendation of the Honorary Fellowship & Gold Medal Committee, selecting Fillmore Buckner to receive the 2005 ACLM Gold Medal Award. This is the highest award given annually to a member of the College. The Gold Medal will be presented to Dr. Buckner at the Annual Business Meeting of the Fellows in March, at which time he will be recognized for his extraordinary contributions to the College. • Further acting on the recommendation of the Honorary Fellowship & Gold Medal Committee, the Board named Lori B. Andrews, J.D., as an Honorary Fellow of the College. Professor Andrews is a Distinguished Professor of Law at Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago. She will be attending

the Annual Business Meeting of the Fellows in March, at which time her outstanding academic and professional achievements will be recognized. • The Board approved a small increase in annual dues for College Fellows (\$20.00 per annum); this is the first dues increase for Fellows in more than a decade.

In closing, let me remind you to register early for the ACLM's 45th Annual Conference in San Diego, California. Program details and registration information can be found at the ACLM website.

Best wishes for the holiday season.

Theodore R. LeBlang  
President

**ACLM Foundation Corner**

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## 13th Annual National Health Law Moot Court Competition



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.



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.

## 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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**45th ACLM Annual Meeting**

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**Call for Submission of Abstracts for Poster Session Presentations  
at the 45th Annual Conference on Legal Medicine  
The Paradise Point Resort & Spa  
San Diego, CA  
March 3 - March 6, 2005**

**A Request for Submission of Papers for “Poster Presentation”**

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
- 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 which 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 interact personally 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 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

**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 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](mailto: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](mailto:MEDLAW@DOCTORBENJAMIN.COM). You will be notified about the Program Committee's decision on your abstract in January 2005.