

Dear Colleagues:

This last month has been hectic for the College, and the president, particularly. The first stress point occurred with the resignation of Marshall Kapp from the position of Chair of the Publications Committee.

The second occurred with the resignation of Tom McLean from the Editorship of *Legal Medical Perspectives*. After consultation with the executive committee, we reached a unanimous agreement to accept, with thanks, Marshall's resignation as Chair of Publications. This was accompanied by Ted LeBlang stepping forward as Council Chair of Publications, and former Chair of the Publication Committee, to serve as Acting Chair of the Publication Committee. Marshall will continue to serve as Editor of our flagship publication, *Legal Medicine*. Dr. McLean's resignation, effective with the March 2006 issue of *LMP*, was accepted with thanks for work done. Dr. Chris White was appointed Editor of *LMP*, effective with the following issue. He accepted this position. There will be no gap in the editorship and publication of *LMP*.

Both Marshall Kapp and Tom McLean continue on the Board of Governors.

On a more personal note, I was asked to serve as a "Supreme Court Justice" for the final round of the Health Law Moot Court Competition held at Southern Illinois University Law School in Carbondale, Ill. My wife, Judith, served as a "Justice" for a semi-final round. We both had a wonderful and stimulating time. Being around young and bright students is one sure way to keep your mind sharp and presumably young. The hospitality of SIU, Ted LeBlang, and Dean Gene Basanta and his staff, were outstanding. The problem was written by a fellow Floridian, Professor Cathy Cerminara of Nova University Law School in Fort Lauderdale, and explored an issue in the Schiavo case. The remainder of the College business remains on a steady keel.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in Las Vegas for our Annual Meeting. Please try to make it. There are details on our website.

Sincerely,
Philip A. Shelton, MD, JD, FCLM
ACLM President

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- 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 46th Annual Conference on Legal Medicine to be held March 2 - March 5, 2006, at the Harrah’s Las Vegas 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 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.

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The Deadline for Abstract submission is January 16, 2006. 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 2006.