

This has been quite a month for us, the ACLM and for the nation as well.

It started simply for me, with an announcement from the Florida Society of Ophthalmology that they were canceling the annual meeting in Boca Raton because Hurricane Katrina posed a threat in late August. Katrina actually turned south sharply from the Fort Lauderdale area and cut into the Gulf of Mexico. The rest is history, as it turned north and blasted the Gulf Coast, including my wife's beloved New Orleans.

Fortunately, she was not there at the time, but many of our friends and colleagues were there, including one of our past presidents. Marty and Susan evacuated to Texas along with Redfoot Flamm, Rosie Flamm, and their new "little one," their tortoise pets.

All of our friends have since checked in from various sites from Baton Rouge to Tennessee, Texas, Alabama and Georgia. There have been no physical injuries to them, but there have been varying degrees of property damage and emotional trauma.

Judith and I have fared well except for a few 30- to 40-foot trees that fell into the street rather than onto the house. Emotionally, well, it is a different story.

Other related ACLM cancellations have taken place. Ed Hollowell's Health Law Forum in Greenville, N.C., was just cancelled due to concern over Ophelia. We hope it will be rescheduled in November, and that we will be able to attend.

Fortunately, our College headquarters in Schaumburg, Ill., is rarely affected by hurricanes, and we had a very positive EC and Budget Meeting there on August 31. Financially, the ACLM is increasing membership and is more than solvent. Details will be forthcoming at the "Obstetrics/Gynecology and the Law" meeting in Chicago September 30 – October 1. I certainly hope to see a lot of you there. As usual, details and registration are available on our website.

Plans are complete for our outstanding Annual Meeting in Las Vegas to be held March 3 – 5, 2006.

We are moving ahead with plans for the first time Joint International Congress on Medical Law in conjunction with the World Association of Medical Law (WAML), to be held with the ACLM Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla., from February 26 – March 4, 2007. Watch for exciting details on our website.

I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and enjoying life.

Collegially,

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SAVE THE DATES!

2005 ACLM Mid-Year Meeting
Obstetrics/Gynecology and the Law
September 30 - October 1, 2005
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

46th ACLM Annual Conference
March 2 - 5, 2006
Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

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