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The ACLM is preparing for its 46th Annual Conference to be held this year at the newly renovated Harrah's in Las Vegas from March 2 - 5, 2006. The program is really outstanding, and you can see the details and register on line at our web site, www.aclm.org. Do it now if you haven't registered already.

We (the EC) are concerned about the perceived necessity of raising substantial grants of money to guarantee the Mid-Year (single specialty) meeting. Last year, we had a very successful meeting on OB/GYN and the Law in Chicago. However, we feel that the linkage of the Mid-Year Meeting to financial promotion in a short time frame is difficult and not really in the best interest of the College. Therefore, there will be a proposal brought forward at this year's Board of Governor's Meeting. In addition, the Fellows Meeting will establish a Long Range Planning Program Committee, which will be responsible for plans over a 3-4 year period. This is similar to many other specialties (Radiology, Ophthalmology, etc...). Details will be available at the meeting Las Vegas.

Our outstanding publications continue to grow. In addition to the *Journal of Legal Medicine*, *Legal Medical Perspectives*, and *Legal Medicine Q&A*, contributions are due this month for the textbook, *Legal Medicine 7th Edition*, and our new publication "Medical Malpractice Survival Handbook". We look forward to publication early in 2007.

Our Dental Membership recruitment is up by at least four DDS, JD candidates discovered by Chris White's research project.

Our participation in the National Health Law Moot Court, at Southern Illinois University, continues. This year, as your President, I participated in judging the final round, and as any good teacher will tell you, I learned a lot. It was great fun as well, and I promoted the College to all the participants, in an effort to increase membership.

I also personally participated in the 27th Health Law Forum in Greenville, North Carolina and was honored as the Hollowell Distinguished Lecturer.

I took the opportunity to promote the ACLM during this visit.

Lastly, our financial health continues to improve, in no small part due to our investment consultants, Mediquis, Inc.

I look forward to greeting you all in Las Vegas. It has been a great year!

Philip A. Shelton, MD, JD, FCLM
President



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