



# President

MARCH/APRIL 2006 \* AMERICAN COLLEGE OF LEGAL MEDICINE

Dear ACLM Members, Colleagues, and Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President for 2006 - 2007. I am honored to be the leader of such a strong and vital organization, which continues to grow and strengthen each year. For my first *Notes from the President*, I would like to report on the success of our most recent meeting and also highlight our 2007 joint meeting with the International Congress on Medical Law.

### *ACLM 2006 Annual Meeting*

The ACLM 2006 Annual Meeting was held March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas. The meeting was a great success! Under the inspired leadership of our current Treasurer, Michael Raskin, we were able to present a topnotch program in front of the largest attendance in our history.

There were some significant long-range plans made that should enable us to develop future meetings farther in advance and without such heavy reliance upon a single program chair. We would like committees to have a larger and more important role in planning the programs and will work to encourage more active involvement from them in 2006 – 2007.

As always, the Officers at the Annual Meeting changed. Our long-time stalwart on the Executive Committee, Ted LeBlang, has moved off of the Executive Committee as Immediate Past President and has taken on an advisory role. Ted LeBlang's position was filled by the President who led us so ably through 2006, Phil Shelton (now the new Immediate Past President). I ascended from President-Elect to President, and Bruce Seidberg is now our new President-elect. Michael Raskin has assumed the Treasurer position, and Mel Shiffman has joined us as the new Secretary.

We are all very pleased with the success of the 2006 annual meeting and look forward to an even better meeting in 2007!

### *World Association for Medical Law*

Every year is an important year for the ACLM, but this coming year, from now through March 2007, is especially significant. This year, the 2007 International Congress on Medical Law in conjunction with the 47th Annual Meeting of the American College of Legal Medicine will hold the World Association for Medical Law conference. The meeting will be held February 26 – March 4, 2007 at the Caribe Royal All Suites Resort and Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. Please make plans to attend!

The World Association for Medical Law will be coordinated by Gary Birnbaum, who will spearhead the ACLM program, and Dale Cowan, who will organize the ICML program. The overlap between the two programs will allow ACLM meeting attendees to attend lectures from the ICML delegates from other countries. In addition, some ACLM members will be asked to present on the ICML program, an excellent opportunity for our organization to present its views to a new, international audience. Discount registration fees will be offered to ACLM and ICML meeting attendees who register for both meetings.

WJ Weiser and Associates will manage the planning and logistics for the 2007 joint conference. The ACLM is confident in WJ Weiser's ability to successfully plan and staff this meeting, as WJ Weiser has not only managed past ACLM meetings but also manages numerous other medical organizations and international meetings.

The ACLM will keep you up-to-date as preparations for the World Association for Medical Law continue. The ACLM website, [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org), will be updated regularly with information on participating in the program and registering to attend.

In closing, I am excited about the upcoming year and our joint efforts with the ICML. Please make plans to attend this very important, inaugural joint conference of the ACLM/ICML in 2007! If you have any questions, feel free to contact the ACLM management office at 847-969-0283 or by email at [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org).

Sincerely,  
Richard S. Wilbur, MD, JD, FCLM

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