



Dear ACLM Members, Colleagues and Friends,

The highlight of each ACLM Year is the Annual Meeting. The 2007 Meeting will be in Orlando on March 2-4. The excellent program and all registration information is on the website and has been mailed to you. Don't miss this opportunity to be brought up to date on the issues of the hour in Health Law by the distinguished speakers and to mingle with your colleagues and friends. Your chance to see and be seen by peers.

The ACLM Board of Governors held an all day meeting Oct 14. Most of the time was spent on the routine matters that arise every year. However, there were a couple of new initiatives. One is in furtherance of our new move to set policy guidelines that will be followed from year to year. They can be changed by the Board as conditions change, but offer a precedent to follow instead of the former "Make it up as we go along" randomly changing system.

Policies are being set for the giving of awards, acceptance of endowments, and format of our meetings, among others. Also, there are proposed bylaws changes in the Nominating Committee process to be presented to the fellow's meeting which are intended to reduce contention at the Annual Meeting.



*(Judges, Left to Right)  
Richard S. Wilbur, MD, JD, FCLM, President, American College of Legal Medicine, Judge Martha Daughtrey of the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Judge Carol Jackson, Chief Judge of the US District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, and Professor Edward Richards from Louisiana State University Law Center.*

For the fifteenth year, the Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Law – Center for Health Law and Policy held the National Health Law Moot Competition on November 10 and 11, 2006. This is sponsored by the SIU Medical and Law Schools and Department of Medical Humanities. The ACLM and the ACLM Foundation are also sponsors.

This year, as has been true in recent years, the maximum number of teams competed, so entry into the contest had to be cut off early, resulting in 31 teams from 21 law schools. As usual, the preliminary rounds were held on Friday. Each team made two presentations, one for each side of the case. Each presentation was judged by a panel of three black-robed judges who scored points for various aspects of these oral presentations. Written briefs had been graded separately earlier.

The teams with the highest scores for the court room presentations returned on Saturday for the Octo, quarterfinals and semifinal rounds. Finally, Saturday at 4:00 p.m., the two top teams competed before the panel of Judge Martha Daughtrey, former Tennessee Supreme Court Justice and now on the US Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Carol Jackson, the Chief Judge of the District Court for Eastern Missouri, Professor Edward Richards of LSU, who had written this year's problem, and Richard S. Wilbur, MD, JD, FCLM, the 2006 ACLM President.

The problem, as always at this competition, concerned points of US Constitutional law since it is argued as being in front of the US Supreme Court. This year it concerned the Fourth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendment rights of an HIV infected man in regard to his violation of a hypothetical "New Amsterdam" Law criminalizing the transmission of HIV through unprotected sexual activities after he was identified by routine health department testing of identified sexual contacts of another HIV positive person.

The Competition was won by one of the teams representing the St. Louis University School of Law (Team #1503) consisting of Brent A. Sumner and Heather P. McCollum. The team will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the ACLM for their first place finish. This team also submitted the Best Brief and will receive a \$500 scholarship grant for this as well. The team of Lena Zwarensteyn, Sean Caruthers, and Rebecca Parks representing the Michigan State University College of Law (Team #1522) placed second. They will receive a \$750 scholarship grant for their second place finish. The third place finishing team (Team #1517) which will receive \$500 included Laura Haske and Suzy Scheller from Hamline University School of Law. The Best Overall Oralist Award (\$500) was won by Tiffany Herrera of the South Texas College of Law (Team #1505). The Best Preliminary Round Oralist was Kristopher C. Piereth from John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He will receive a \$250 scholarship from the SIU Center for Health Law and Policy. The runner-up Best Brief by Katie Rose Fink and Catriona Nally of St. Louis University (Team #1504) also will receive \$250.

Sincerely,  
Richard S. Wilbur MD JD, FCLM, FACP, FACPE, FRSM  
ACLM President

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