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Chicago Mid-Year Meeting, September 27 – 28, 2008

Marty Stillman and Chris White have put together an outstanding program that promises to be of interest to all. Cutting edge medical legal topics will be presented by some of the leading authorities in the field. All of the mid-year meetings are designed for the working professional: a full day Saturday and a half day Sunday to allow you time to return home on the same day. If you haven't registered, now is the time. You don't want to miss this one!

BOARD CERTIFICATION REVIEW COURSE American Board of Legal Medicine and

American Board of Medical Malpractice
Friday, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., September 26, 2008
W Chicago City Center
172 W. Adams Street
Chicago, IL 60603

- The American Board of Legal Medicine (ABLM) and the American Board of Medical Malpractice (ABMM) Board Certification Review Course will be presented on the day prior to the start of the ACLM Meeting
- The Program Coordinator of the ABLM Board Review Course is the ABLM Chairman and ABMM President S. Sandy Sanbar, MD, PhD, JD, FCLM
- Sue O'Sullivan, associate director of ACLM, will be assisting with the registration of attendees. She may be contacted at ACLM Headquarters. Please visit the ACLM Website regarding the ACLM meeting at: www.aclm.org

Dale Cowan Elected To Fellow of the American Health Lawyers Association

In the fall of 2004, the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) established a program to recognize lifelong leaders of the Association. The Fellows Program created a forum for former volunteer leaders to remain active in, and continue to contribute to, the success of Health Lawyers.

To date, only 61 of the more than 10,000 members of the Association have been chosen to become Fellows. This honor recognizes these individuals' achievements, contributions, tenure with AHLA, and continuing service to the legal profession. The Fellows themselves act as ambassadors for the Association and serve as role models and mentors to current AHLA members, including former AHLA presidents, members of the Board of Directors, Practice Group and Program Planning Committee members who have been active within the Association. While representing a wide range of professional backgrounds, experience, and expertise, all of our Fellows share certain key characteristics that define them as leaders in the community. AHLA Fellows are active participants



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in the American Health Lawyers Association, leaders in their legal communities, and respected by their peers in the legal profession.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Dale Cowan, MD, JD, FCLM, has been selected to become a 2008 Fellow of the American Health Lawyers Association. Dale is a clinical oncologist and medical director of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, as well as treasurer of the ACLM. Well deserved congratulations, Dale!

Gene Basanta to Receive Newsletter Editing Honor

W. Eugene Basanta, a law professor at Southern Illinois University, will receive the Austin Fleming Award on Friday, June 27, during the Illinois State Bar Association Annual Meeting in St. Louis.

Now in his 20th year as editor of Health Care Lawyer, the newsletter of the Health Care Law Section, Basanta has produced 75 issues totaling 916 pages of timely substantive information on important developments in the practice.

A member of the SIU law faculty since 1980, Basanta became a professor in 1992. He also teaches at the Department of Medical Humanities at the School of Medicine, and has served as interim dean and associate dean for academic affairs. He is co-director of the SIU Center for Health Law and Policy and a past chair of the Law and Medicine Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Tort and Insurance Practice.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Basanta received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1975 and a Master of Laws degree from the Temple University School of Law in 1980.

The American College of Legal Medicine honored him with a Gold Medal in 2006 and a President's Award in 2005, and he has received teaching awards at SIU. Gene is currently chair of the ACLM National Health Law Moot Court Competition Ad Hoc Committee and a member of the Board of Governors. Congratulations, Gene!



Center: Dorothy Gregory; from left Ila Rothschild, Eugene Basanta, Theodore LeBlang, Marshall Kapp, Miles Zaremski

ACLM Past President, Dorothy Rasinski Gregory, MD, JD, FCLM gave the 2007 Dr. Arthur Grayson Lecture at the Southern Illinois University School of Law in Carbondale, IL. This endowed annual lecture is sponsored by SIU's Center for Health Law and Policy, which is directed by ACLM Board Member W. Eugene Basanta, JD, LLM and ACLM/JLM Editor Marshall B. Kapp, JD, MPH, FCLM.

The Dr. Arthur Grayson Distinguished Lecture Series was established by the Southern Illinois University School of Law in 1997 through the generous support of the Garwin Family Foundation. Created in 1993 to foster educational and academic research, the Garwin Family Foundation provides funding for the Grayson Lecture Series, the Garwin Distinguished Professor of Law and Medicine, and the Center for Health Law and Policy to advance the School's health law program. The Grayson lecture series honors Dr. Arthur Grayson, who was, until his death in 1990, a Los Angeles surgeon, philanthropist, world traveler, collector of cultural artifacts, classical and flamenco guitarist, marathon runner, and brother-in-law of Garwin Family Foundation founder Dr. Leo Garwin. Focusing on the disciplines of law and medicine, the lecture series encourages leadership and creative involvement by the legal community to address the many challenges facing our nation's health care system.

Congratulations Dr. Gregory!!

GOVERNMENT, LAW, AND MEDICINE: 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

If you have an interest and would like to speak at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, please contact Vicky Trompler by e-mail or by phone.

We are looking for topics which illustrate the interaction of the government with law and medicine. We will be looking at STARK, CMS, NPDB, FDA, and many more alphabet combinations. If you have any ideas for the conference, Vicky would like to hear from you at (254) 755-4208 or Trompler@namanhowell.com.

On a more somber note, below is a plea from former President and Gold Medal recipient, Phil Cifarelli, which appeared in the July/August 2003 *Notes From the President*, regarding the upcoming Annual Meeting in Las Vegas on March 4 - 7, 2003. Phil's message, as philosopher and teacher, is every bit appropriate today as it was back then. The 2009 Annual Meeting promises not to disappoint — great education, great camaraderie, and a great city. Make your plans NOW to attend. I only wish Phil could.

"In this loose and relaxed mood I thought I would indulge my philosophic side and share some of my thoughts and feelings concerning one of my top priorities. That is, education and educational activities"

"First, allow me to express my concern and consternation that more of the college members do not attend our annual educational conference. I have not been able to figure this out. Attendance allows us to enjoy the fellowship of our eclectic group, gain CME and/or CLE credits, network with peers and also enjoy the hospitality of a great American city. I urge you to make an extra effort to attend our next annual conference on Legal Medicine in Las Vegas, Nevada"

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