

ACLM Notes from the President

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ACLM LMP and Q&A September/October 2009 Issues

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2010 50th Annual ACLM Conference



ACLM 50 Years Later: Advances in Medicine 2010 Annual Meeting Includes a 2-day Legal Aspects of Dentistry Special Symposium

March 4 - 7, 2010
Caribe Royale
Orlando, Florida

Online registration coming soon! Check the ACLM website and future email communications for more details.

Comments from ACLM Members:

Notes from the President: *Melvin A. Shiffman, MD, JD*

ADDITIONS TO THE ACLM WEBSITE:

- An amicus brief on Tate vs. University Medical Center of Southern Nevada that involves the ACLM concern with health professionals being afforded due process and fundamental fairness in the process of professional peer review and credentialing
- Information and details about the annual November National Health Moot Court Competition at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois.

REPORT LEGISLATION OF CONCERN

ACLM is interested in obtaining new proposed legislation, either state or federal, on health care subjects. We are asking members to forward to us any legislation (only the legislation and the arguments for and against) that is of concern. It should be sent to the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee, addressed to Dale Cowan and the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee at cowandh@gmail.com.

HISTORY OF ACLM

The most recent short history of the ACLM was approved by the Board of Governors and is on the website.

The 2010 Annual Meeting of the American College of Legal Medicine will be the College's 50th annual meeting. To celebrate this milestone, we would like to request from the membership their help on a project that will catalogue the history of the ACLM. Please send any photos, anecdotes or information that you feel would assist the ACLM executive office in its efforts to compile the history of our great College. Hopefully with your help, we will be able to create something truly special to present at the meeting.

Please send any materials and questions to:

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership in ACLM is the organization's best asset. New members are an important source of new and fresh ideas, as well as possible speakers for meetings. It takes our active members to introduce to other possible members (not only MD JDs but also MDs, JDs, DOs, RNs, DDSs, and other health care professionals) the positive aspects of membership in ACLM. Please have potential members go to the website (www.aclm.org) and read the History of ACLM (under About Us). A membership application is also available on the website (under Membership).

ACLM Fellows/Members on the Move

Raul Coimbra, MD, PhD, is the newly appointed to Monroe E. Trout Endowed Chair. Visit <http://health.ucsd.edu/news/2009/9-1--trout-chair-coimbra.htm> to read the full text of the September 11, 2009 press release.

If you have thoughts or opinions on articles in either the ACLM *Q & A* or *LMP* that you would like to share with the membership, please email them to Stephanie Bodanyi at Stephanie@wjweiser.com.

INTRODUCING THE NEW ACLM RESOURCE CENTER

The ACLM executive office is pleased to announce a new web-based feature for our members. The ACLM Resource Center is now under development at www.aclm.org. In this section of the website, users will be able to search an extensive list of medical and legal journal links, all combined in one place for a convenient way to access professional articles. This section of the site will also house ACLM Members in the News and Links from Members. If you have anything that you would like to contribute to this new section, please contact Stephanie Bodanyi at the ACLM executive office at stephanie@wjweiser.com or by calling (847) 264-5923.

ABLM/ACLM SEMINAR

A Day With The Judges:
Medical, Hospital, MCO & Product Liability Issues
Friday, October 30, 2009
Integrus Health, Baptist Medical Conference Center
7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This seminar is presented by the American Board of Legal Medicine and the American College of Legal Medicine, and it is co-sponsored by the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the Physicians Liability Insurance Company of Oklahoma, with in-kind support by Integrus Health, Inc. of Oklahoma.

CALL TO ALL ORLANDO, FLORIDA AREA ACLM MEMBERS

The ACLM would like to put a call out to all its members residing in the Orlando, Florida area for assistance in advertising and promoting the upcoming 2010 ACLM Annual Meeting. If you are interested in assisting with these efforts, please contact Sue O'Sullivan at the ACLM executive office at sueo@wjweiser.com or (847) 969-0283.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

[CLICK HERE](#) or visit the Bylaws page on the ACLM website for the proposed bylaws changes that will be voted on at the 2010 ACLM Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida on March 4 - 7, 2010. (Proposed changes to the bylaws will be voted on by ACLM fellows ONLY.)

2010 CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS FOR POSTER SESSION PRESENTATIONS

Deadline: January 15, 2010

The American College of Legal Medicine encourages you to participate in our annual program by submitting an abstract for a poster. This is your opportunity to report an interesting case or prepare a scholarly analysis of a medical, dental, legal, or ethical issue that is of particular interest to you. Then, you get to discuss your opinions and conclusions with the brightest minds in legal medicine over breakfast. The deadline for abstract submission is **January 15, 2010**. For submission instructions and details, please visit www.aclm.org. You can submit an abstract by replying to this email or emailing info@aclm.org.

2010 STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

This year we are again offering 4 legal medicine writing competitions for students. The deadline for submission to all competitions is January 11, 2010. The awards offered are as follows:

1. **The Letourneau Award** - for law students
2. **The Hirsh Award** - for Dentistry, Podiatry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Science, Health Care Administration, or Public Health Student
3. **The Schwartz Award** - for medical students
4. **The Bioethics Award** - for students currently enrolled in an accredited law, medical, podiatric, nursing, dental, health science or health care administration program in the United States or Canada

For complete details, visit www.aclm.org.

POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will be considering potential candidates for the following positions to be presented to the membership for voting at the 2010 ACLM Annual in Orlando, Florida on March 6, 2010:

1. Fellow position on the Board of Governors
2. Member in Medicine position
3. Executive Committee position of Secretary

In order to maintain transparency of elections, if you are interested in being considered for any of these positions, please indicate so by sending an email to Sue O'Sullivan (sueo@wjweiser.com), ACLM Associate Director, and she will notify the Nominating Committee of your desire. You may also suggest any member for consideration for the Board, as long as you have determined that they agree to be considered. Please refer to the Bylaws (online at www.aclm.org) for requirements and duties of the available positions. If you wish, you may submit a one-page synopsis of your ACLM activities. In the one-page synopsis, please identify what you believe are the most important issues facing the ACLM, and what you would do to respond to them. This synopsis must be sent to Sue as a one-page Word attachment, single-spaced, in 12 point, Times New Roman font, with no less than 1" margins. Any synopsis that does not meet this requirement will not be forwarded to the Nominating Committee. No other supporting documents will be considered. Remember that some members of the Nominating Committee may not be aware of your accomplishments and this may be the only opportunity to inform them. This synopsis is optional for those seeking nomination for the Board of Governors, but is required for those seeking the position of Secretary. In addition, for the position of Secretary, candidates must send two supporting letters, from non-Board members, or members of the Nominating Committee, must be sent to Sue. The deadline for receipt of all materials is November 2, 2009. Neither candidates nor sponsors should directly contact members of the Nominating Committee. Please direct all inquiries and/or correspondence to Sue O'Sullivan.

Michael M. Raskin, MD, JD, MS, MPH, MA, MBA, FCLM
Chair, Nominating Committee

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