

# ACLM Notes from the President

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## Comments from ACLM Members:

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 Lisa Oesterreicher at [lisao@wjweiser.com](mailto:lisao@wjweiser.com)

## Notes from the President:

*Dale H. Cowan, MD, JD, FCLM*

The summer months are relatively quiet ones in the life cycle of the College. However, there are a few items that I wish to bring to your attention.

The Executive Committee is reviewing, and will bring to the Board of Governors at its mid-year meeting in August, a proposal that pertains to the Education Committee, a proposal for formalizing an Endowment Policy, and further revisions to the guidelines that pertain to the Amicus Curiae Committee.

The proposal for the Education Committee concerns policies and conditions that relate to how the ACLM can undertake cooperative educational programs with other organizations.

The proposal for formalizing an Endowment Policy is intended to identify different levels of contribution and the types of activities that can be supported at these levels. The goal here is to encourage members of the College to make significant donations to underwrite special lectureships, prizes or programs for which they would receive appropriate recognition.

The revisions to the guidelines for the Amicus Curiae Committee are intended to address situations where there may appear to be conflicts of interest and to identify conditions according to which the ACLM can join other entities or organizations in submitting amicus briefs.

An additional item that is soon to be addressed by the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors is the possibility of establishing interest sections within the College wherein members with particular interest and expertise in one or another area of health law can work together to craft segments of the Annual Meeting or possibly an additional meeting that would attract a significant number of participants. Such special interest sections could also draft position papers for the College on topics of major societal import, submit papers for publication, or identify cases that merit consideration for submission of amicus briefs.

You should already have received a notice that the College is a cooperating sponsor of a program on arbitration in the healthcare industry that has been developed by the American Arbitration Association. This program is scheduled for October 20, 2010 in Chicago. It promises to be an excellent introduction to the role of arbitration in healthcare disputes and will hopefully be of interest to many of you. The American Arbitration Association is assisting us in preparing a session at the forthcoming Annual Meeting on alternative dispute resolution.

I am pleased to report that the College's finances continue to remain strong despite the vicissitudes of the current economic climate. This is due in no small part to the efforts of our financial advisor, Joel Blau. He deserves kudos for his efforts on our behalf.

Kent Harshbarger, MD, JD, FCLM, program director for the forthcoming annual meeting scheduled in Las Vegas February 24 - 27, 2011, is well along in assembling a first-rate program for that meeting. The program should be finalized in the next month, reviewed and approved by the Board of Governors at its August meeting and sent out to all of you shortly thereafter. It is hoped that each of you will agree that it is a program not to be missed.

As before, I invite and encourage each of you to contact me directly or

through our Executive Director, Sue O'Sullivan, at WJ Weiser & Associates regarding any issue, concern or question you have regarding the College.

Respectfully,

Dale  
Dale H. Cowan, MD, JD, FACP, FCLM  
President, American College of Legal Medicine

**ACLM Gold Medal Award Nominations**

As chair of the Honorary Fellowship and Gold Medal Committee, I invite all members of the ACLM to submit names of qualified individuals to be considered for the ACLM Gold Medal Award. Responses can be directed to my email address, [jbqdrq@mymailstation.com](mailto:jbqdrq@mymailstation.com).

-Dorothy Rasinski Gregory

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**ACLM 51st Annual Meeting Program Presenters**

ACLM Members interested in being considered as a presenter on the program should contact Kent Harshbarger at [harshbargerke@mcoho.org](mailto:harshbargerke@mcoho.org)

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