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Notes from the President:

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One of the highlights of one's term as president of the College is to serve as a judge in the Health Law Moot Court Competition held each year at Southern Illinois University School of Law. The organizer of the Moot Court Competition is Gene Basanta, JD, a professor of law at SIU Law School and a member of our Board of Governors. Each year this competition attracts the best and brightest law students from over 30 law schools. This year was no exception. The president serves as one of three judges of the final round of oral arguments. In the final round, two students from each of the two teams present their arguments and respond to questions put to them by the judges. The students in the final round that I had the pleasure of participating in were amazing in the way they articulated their arguments and responded to some very searching questions from the judges. Their presence, demeanor, knowledge of their subject and focus were awesome; a tribute to their ability and intelligence, and a marvelous reflection on their respective law schools.

By now you should have received an announcement of the program and the agenda for the forthcoming ACLM Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 24 - 27, 2011. In addition to the special lectures described in my last Notes from the President, there are nine general sessions. These focus on: Recent Developments in Legal Medicine; Peer Review and Quality Improvement; Concepts/Developments in Alternative Dispute Resolution; Current Medical Legal Topics: Gene Patents, Internet Defamation, and Global Healthcare; Current Concepts in Electronic Health Records; Ethics, Medicine and Health Law; Medical-Legal Literature, Graduate Medical Education and Concepts in Dental Malpractice; Healthcare Reform: Where Are We Now?; and Current Medical-Legal Community Health Issues. Additionally, there is a symposium specifically for dentists with sessions on Friday, February 25 and Saturday, February 26. There is also a presentation by the winner of the Student Writing Competition, which is denoted this year as the Hirsh Award Winner. The program is truly outstanding. You are all encouraged to attend and participate in it.

You recently received a letter from Bob Buckman, PhD, FCLM, president of the ACLM Foundation, regarding donations to the Foundation. One cannot overstate the importance of the Foundation in providing the necessary funds to support special lectures, student writing competitions and other related activities that enrich the College and enhance the value of membership in the College. At the Meeting of the Fellows on February 25, 2011, there will be a presentation of the opportunities for establishing named lectureships, special programs, and other activities with appropriate donor recognition. You are all encouraged, nay, urged to contribute to the ACLM Foundation. It is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your contributions are fully tax-deductible.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any activities of the College, I again ask that you contact me, or Sue O'Sullivan at the ACLM office.

I want to wish each of you and your families the very best for a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Respectfully,
Dale

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