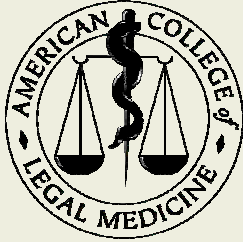


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## Notes from the President:

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

This is my final report to you in my capacity as president of the American College of Legal Medicine.

The year has been rewarding and challenging. I am greatly indebted to the other members of the Executive Committee, Mel Shiffman, MD, JD, FCLM, Gary Birnbaum, MD, JD, FCLM, Kent Harshbarger, MD, JD, FCLM and Victoria Green, MD, JD, FCLM. Each has done yeoman service on behalf of the College and has helped me immeasurably in addressing and responding to the myriad issues with which we were faced during the year. Kent Harshbarger, MD, JD, FCLM, deserves special recognition for the manner in which he organized what is certain to be an outstanding annual meeting, one which I hope you will plan to attend. Bruce Seidberg, DDS, MScD, JD, has worked hard to again make the annual meeting a benefit to the ACLM dental members. Thanks go also to the members of the Board of Governors who have responded promptly and gracefully to matters presented to them, often on an urgent basis.

The matters which the Executive Committee and the Board have dealt with that I believe are of special mention are the expansion of the educational mission of the College, the proposal for a more formal Endowment Policy, the adoption of new guidelines for the Amicus Curiae Committee, proposals for attracting new members to the College and for establishing special interest sections within the College, and enhanced marketing strategies to increase the attendance at the Annual Meeting.

I am particularly grateful to Francois Blaudeau, MD, JD, FCLM, for his ideas for expanding the College's educational activities, to Bob Buckman, PhD, JD, FCLM, for his leadership of the ACLM Endowment Fund, and to Bill Hinnant, MD, JD, FCLM, for his leadership of the marketing efforts for the College. Special mention should also be made of the efforts of Sandy Sanbar, MD, JD, FCLM, in his capacity as president of the American Board of Legal Medicine in continuing his support and that of the Board of the Educational Activities of the College, Karin Zucker, JD, LLM, FCLM, for her leadership in organizing the poster sessions of the annual meetings, and Martin Stillman, MD, JD, FCLM, for his leadership of the Membership Committee.

I wish also to thank Tom McLean, MD, JD, FCLM, for his service on the Board of Governors and especially for his serving the past two years as chair of the Student Writing Competition. Tom has done a terrific job overseeing this activity which is critical in introducing the College to students in schools of law, medicine and related health sciences. Thanks also to Marshall Kapp, JD, MPH, FCLM, chair of the Publications Committee and former editor of the *Journal of Legal Medicine*, Ross Silverman, JD, MPH, current editor of the *Journal of Legal Medicine*, Chris White, MD, JD, FCLM, and Judith Gic, CRNA, JD, FCLM and their teams for their efforts and expertise in producing the first-rate publications that serve to educate and enlighten us all in the myriad of healthcare matters with which we deal.

As noted above, the upcoming annual meeting promises to be outstanding. I hope to see you there and look forward to your continuing support of the College. Finally, I congratulate Gary Birnbaum, MD, JD, FCLM, on his assuming the office of the president of the College at the Annual meeting in February, 2011. Gary is extraordinarily thoughtful and gifted and can be counted on to provide the College with outstanding leadership.

Respectfully,

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

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