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Notes from the President:

Gary I. Birnbaum, MD, JD, FCLM

Greetings! It's a great privilege to serve as your president for the next year. The American College of Legal Medicine continues to be the leading organization for those of us with the dual degrees of MD or DDS and JD and our other associates and members of the College who are interested in and involved with legal medicine.

Many thanks to Dale Cowan, MD, JD, FCLM, for his outstanding leadership of the College over the past year and to Melvin Shiffman, MD, JD, FCLM, who leaves the executive committee of the Board of Governors after many years of great service to our organization.

Congratulations to Martin Stillman, MD, JD, FCLM who assumes the position of secretary, to Victoria Green, MD, JD, FCLM, who becomes treasurer and to Kent Harshbarger, MD, JD, FCLM, who is now the president-elect. Congratulations also go out to three of our new Board members: Monique Anawis, MD, JD, FCLM, Bill Hinnant, MD, JD, FCLM and Alejandro Moreno, MD, JD, FCLM. A note of thanks to Tom McLean, MD, MS, JD, FCLM and Fred Levy, MD, JD, FCLM who have completed their terms on the Board of Governors. Dr. McLean has indicated that he wishes to remain active in the College -- he has done a superlative job as the chair of the Student Writing Competition Committee.

Our recent annual meeting in Las Vegas at the Planet Hollywood Hotel was a huge success. Thanks to our terrific program chair, Kent Harshbarger, MD, JD, FCLM, all of the participants we spoke with were very pleased with the quality of the program. Many thanks to Bruce Seidberg, DDS, JD, FCLM, former ACLM president, who chaired the legal dentistry sessions. These presentations were well-attended by those interested in areas where law and dentistry intersect. Some of the highlights of the conference included presentations by noted attorney Mark Geragos, JD, who spoke at the annual Cyril Wecht Luncheon and, former chief White House physician, Dr. Connie Mariano who spoke at the Saturday evening banquet. Alejandro Moreno, MD, MPH, JD, FCLM was fabulous as the moderator of the professional development luncheon, and the poster sessions coordinated by Karin Zucker, JD, LLM, FCLM, were very interesting and provocative. Newly elected honorary fellow, Mitchell Forman, DO, FACOI, FACP, FACR, honorary FCLM and dean of the Touro Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine as well as Don Havins, MD, JD, LLM, MBA, FCLM, wowed the audience with an unbelievable interactive program on legal medicine bioethical case studies. Dr. Forman then went on to deliver the prestigious Sandy Sanbar Lecture. This year's title was "Predictive Parameters of Professionalism - How to Identify and Remove the Bad Apples."

The annual conference is a great way to meet and interact with

College members from across the country and the world as well as a wonderful way to earn CME and CLE credits at the same conference. Our next annual meeting will take place from February 23 - 26, 2012 at the newly renovated Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. Program Chair Francois Blaudeau, MD, JD, FCLM, FACHE has already started to formulate a marvelous program which you will not want to miss, so please mark your calendars. Further information will be available later in the year.

Membership continues to be a priority for the ACLM. There are many with MD or DDS and JD degrees across the country who have not joined the College because they have not heard about it. Please do your best to spread the word and recruit these individuals to join our organization. Membership information is available on our website: www.aclm.org.

Finally, prospective members or current members may contact me at aclmpresident@gmail.com. I am always interested in your thoughts and ideas on how we can improve the organization and the value of membership.

Best Regards,

Gary Birnbaum, MD, JD, FCLM
President, ACLM

PLAN TO ATTEND!

ACLM 52nd Annual Meeting *"Law and Medicine Update"*

February 23 - 26, 2012
Hyatt Regency New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana

