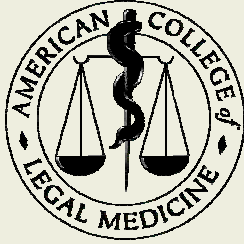


# ACLM Notes from the President

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## Notes from the President:

*Gary I. Birnbaum, MD, JD, FCLM*

Greetings! Here's an update on some of the activities and events of your organization, the American College of Legal Medicine.

We have a newly composed Board of Governors (BOG) and have designated our committee chairs and members for 2011 and early 2012. You can go to [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org) and click on the "About Us" icon to view the committee chairs and members. I ask that all committee chairs email their committee members and council chairs and set forth the objectives of their committee for this year. The purposes and scope of the committees may be found under the same icon on the website in the bylaws. Committee chairs will be notified of the date to submit committee reports prior to and for the September 10th mid-year BOG meeting in Chicago.

After many years of outstanding service, Judith A. Gic, RN, CRNA, JD, FCLM has notified us that she will be "retiring" as editor of Legal Medicine Q&A. Judy will be a tough act to follow. Ross D. Silverman, JD, MPH, editor of the Journal of Legal Medicine and chair of the Publications Committee will be recommending an individual to the BOG who will serve as the next editor of Legal Medicine Q&A. Judy, on behalf of the ACLM, thank you for all of your great work and for making Legal Medicine Q&A a great resource for the membership!

Prior to composing this note, I read a commentary in the May 18th edition of the JAMA by an MD, JD, concerning the effect of the Patient Protection and Affordability Care Act (PPACA) on the availability and supply of physicians. When I looked the author up in our ACLM member directory, I discovered that he is not a listed member of the College, so I sent him an email inviting him to apply for membership and fellowship.

Why bring this up? Each of us probably comes into contact with many people who hold dual legal medicine degrees yet are not members of the College. Each of us should let these folks know about the ACLM and invite them to apply for membership. Additional membership is always of paramount importance to the College and strengthens our organization.

Also, let's not forget all of our other members such as those who are members of law or medicine and of course our student members. Your participation on College activities enriches the ACLM and many of you have served in valued leadership roles. ACLM's vitality is augmented by your contributions and expertise. I encourage your continued involvement and your recruitment of qualified colleagues who are interested in the field of legal medicine.

Remember to mark your calendar and make plans to attend the next annual meeting which will take place at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans from February 24 - 26, 2012. Francois M. Blaudeau, MD, JD, FCLM, FACHE, is the program chair and is planning a spectacular program

which has the potential to be one of the College's best yet. Past president, Bruce H. Seidberg, DDS, MScD, JD, FCLM, will again be chairing the sessions on dentistry and the law.

Finally, remember the ACLM Foundation and the American Board of Legal Medicine. Chaired by Robert W. Buckman, PhD, FCLM, the Foundation helps to supplement funding for College activities. Donor forms are on the website. Peter H. Rheinstein, MD, JD, MS, FCLM, FAAFP is the new chair of the American Board of Legal Medicine. Peter succeeds S. Sandy Sanbar, MD, PhD, JD, FCLM who has done a terrific job advancing the ABLM. Thank you Sandy!

Hope you are ready for a great summer. Please contact me at [aclmpresident@gmail.com](mailto:aclmpresident@gmail.com) with any thoughts about the College.

Cordially,

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President, ACLM

## PLAN TO ATTEND!

### ACLM 52nd Annual Meeting

*"Law and Medicine Update"*

February 23 - 26, 2012

Hyatt Regency New Orleans

New Orleans, Louisiana



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