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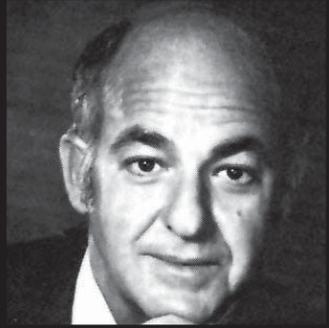
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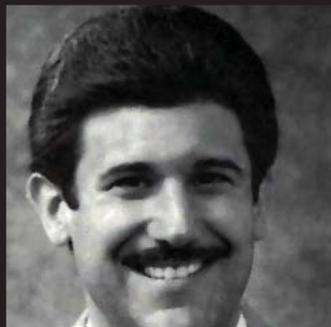
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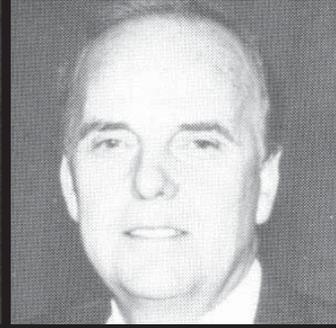
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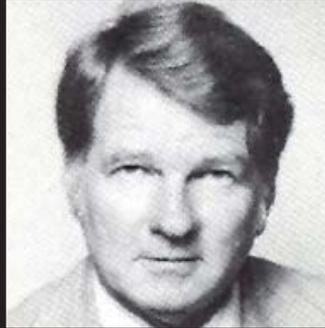
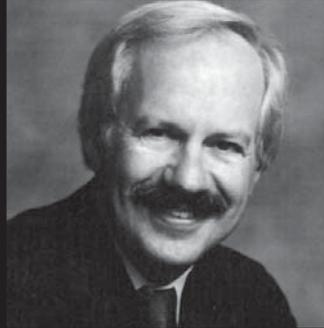
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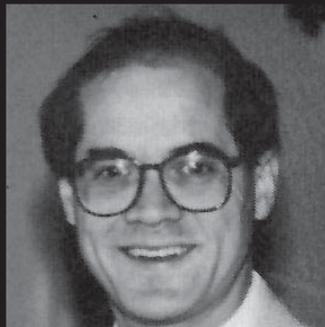
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***THE HISTORY OF THE
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
LEGAL MEDICINE 1960 – 2010***



Dedication from Kent Harshbarger, MD, JD, FCLM

Working on this 50th anniversary history project has been an honor, and I personally feel very rewarded. It is humbling to witness the creation and growth of such a meaningful and dedicated organization. Realizing my relatively recent involvement is simply a new ripple in an already massive sea of greatness. Much of the credit for this text is due to those who developed extensive drafts and/or reviewed the past board actions – Past President Fillmore Buckner and current President Melvin Shiffman. Further, under the direction of Past President S. Sandy Sanbar, a previous 30th year history text was created, and credit for that volume was given to Past Presidents Joseph B. Davis, Dorothy Rasinski Gregory, Harold L. Hirsh, and Glen W. Bricker. Also, special appreciation is offered to the members of the current history committee, most of which are past Presidents: Fillmore Buckner, Don Harper Mills, Dorothy Rasinski Gregory, Cyril Wecht, Richard S. Wilbur, Catherine With, and Sal Fiscina.

As the history committee reflects, the success of this organization, as with any, is due to the efforts of the members through service on the governing body, various delegations, councils, representatives, and committees. These various membership roles have obviously changed over time along with changes to the management of the organization. Unfortunately, this has resulted in incomplete or absent records, and, as such, many statements contained within this volume are personal accounts. No effort has been made to factually verify some of the claims. Should errors be identified, please direct comments to the current ACLM leadership or management. The intent of this project is simply to celebrate the 50th year since incorporation. The hope is to give the membership and community a sense of how the organization started, developed, and matured into the oldest, if not the most prestigious, organization in the United States devoted to the problems at the interface of medicine and law.

The text is organized to give a brief summary of the College's history and accomplishments, followed by a year-to-year compilation of significant events organized under the previous president's year of leadership. The year-to-year compilation also contains highlighted Board decisions, policy initiatives and any other significant information that can be located or has been reported. Finally, the College's growth, success, and accomplishments are highlighted by pages dedicated to these special projects or sections.

This project was made possible through the hard work of many management staff members, particularly, Lisa Oesterreicher, and a very special financial donation to the College. Despite recent difficult life challenges, our executive director, Wendy J. Weiser, felt it important to generously give back to all of us, and personally sponsored the development and printing of this text. I would be remiss by not taking this opportunity to offer our heartfelt thanks on behalf of the history committee, the leadership and the membership of the College.

Introduction from ACLM President, Melvin A. Shiffman

As President of the American College of Legal Medicine at the 50th Anniversary of ACLM in 2010, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of many of our members over the past year in maintaining and promoting the high standards of our College. We are proud to have had contributions from so many distinguished past presidents who have led the College throughout the past 50 years.

The College has submitted *Amicus* Briefs in state Supreme Courts, the United States Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of the United States. Guidelines have been established on the ethical conduct of the expert witness and the ACLM has promoted education through Annual and Mid Year meetings. Some recent accomplishments include the annual November 2009 Moot Court Competition in Carbondale, Illinois as co-sponsor with Southern Illinois University since 1995; the *Journal of Legal Medicine* going online; Legal Medicine Q&A going online; Legal Medicine Perspectives going online; the Legal Medicine Textbook about to go online for the 8th Edition (with the partnership of the American Board of Legal Medicine and the ACLM Foundation); and having a record number of papers submitted for the Student Writing Competition. This past year a committee was established to compile a history of ACLM and another committee to promote relationships with legislators and executives.

This past year has been a rewarding experience as President with accomplishments that I am glad I was part of and the making of personal relationships that would otherwise not have presented themselves. The Board of Governors, composed of a diverse group of individuals, has tried hard to lead the ACLM in the proper direction, remaining faithful to the Mission of the College and to the needs of the College members. The Executive Committee members have all been the best of the best with each having remarkable talents and knowledge and all willing to make, sometimes, hard decisions. I'd also like to acknowledge Kent Harshbarger for his hard work and efforts in creating this history book.

Brief History of the ACLM

The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) was incorporated in 1960, with founding roots dating back to 1955. It is the most prominent professional organization in the United States concerned with addressing issues that arise at the interface of law and medicine. Fellows of the American College of Legal Medicine, which make up over 50 percent of its membership, have been trained and schooled in medicine and/or law and the majority holds both MD and JD degrees. College members also include physicians (MD, DO), attorneys (JD, LLB), dentists, registered nurses, podiatrists, scientists, and other health professionals.

Through its medical legal resources, the ACLM educates and assists healthcare and legal professionals, advances the administration of justice, influences health policy, improves healthcare, promotes research and scholarship, and facilitates peer group interaction. In addition, the American College of Legal Medicine represents the specialty of legal medicine in the American Medical Association's Specialty and Service Society.

The Mission of the American College of Legal Medicine is to “promote the continued professional advancement of its members, as well as non-member physicians, and other interested professionals, through education, research, publications, and interdisciplinary and collaborative exchanges of information. The educational meetings are designed to improve the professional performance of the participants and focus primarily on research, methodologies, techniques, and issues and advances in the field of legal medicine. The education activities encourage interdisciplinary exchanges of ideas and information and thereby facilitate enhanced service to society in the healing arts and legal professions.”

This is achieved through a diverse array of scholarly and professional endeavors that are nationally and internationally recognized. The *Journal of Legal Medicine* is one of the leading internationally circulated journals in its field. The *Journal* includes articles and commentaries on topics of interest in legal medicine, health law and policy, professional liability, hospital law, food and drug law, medical legal research and education, the history of legal medicine, and a broad range of other related topics. Indexed in national and international databases, the *Journal* is circulated throughout the world. Articles contained in the *Journal* have been cited by state and federal courts (including the Supreme Court of the United States).

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Complementing the scholarly work contained in the *Journal of Legal Medicine* is the body of medical legal knowledge that is presented in the ACLM's professionally published text entitled *Legal Medicine*. The Seventh Edition of this treatise was released in February of 2007 and has sold over 1,000 copies nationally and internationally. Published by Mosby/Elsevier, *Legal Medicine Seventh Edition* is one of the leading textbooks in the field of legal medicine. It incorporates the intellectual contributions of more than 80 nationally and internationally recognized authors. Moreover, the publication features 75 chapters that focus on the most important topics in the field, including professional medical liability, confidentiality and privacy, the business aspects of medical practice, patents and intellectual property, access to healthcare, ethical and legal issues in life-care planning, pain relief and pain management, legal aspects of bioterrorism, public health law, and forensic science.

The ACLM's newest monograph, *Medical Malpractice Survival Handbook*, also released in 2007 by Mosby/Elsevier, contains 43 chapters authored by a renowned field of experts. Its four sections focus on physicians and malpractice, the etiology of malpractice, malpractice lawsuit resolution, and liability of specialists and subspecialists in medical malpractice cases.

The American College of Legal Medicine produces two other significant publications. One is *Legal Medicine Perspectives*, which offers a bimonthly analysis of recent developments in federal and state courts, as well as recent statutory enactments by Congress and throughout the states. The other is *Legal Medicine Questions & Answers*, a case-based bimonthly publication offering answers to complex medical legal and medical ethical issues arising in clinical situations that form part of everyday medical practice. Both of these publications, along with the *Journal of Legal Medicine*, can be readily accessed and reviewed online by ACLM members.

The medical legal advocacy and scholarship of the ACLM is reflected in other important activities. At the national level, the work of the ACLM *Amicus Curiae* Committee has continued to showcase the College's efforts to participate in the administration of justice at the state and federal level. *Amicus* briefs have been filed in cases that were pending before various state supreme courts, United States Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of the United States. A section dedicated to briefs may be reviewed on page 77 of this publication in a section dedicated to the *amicus* committee.

Additionally, at the national level, since 1995 the ACLM is a co-sponsor of the National Health Law Moot Court Competition—one of the nations most highly regarded law student competitions addressing issues at the interface of medicine and law. This competition, which began in 1992, is held each year in November

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on the Carbondale, Illinois campus of Southern Illinois University School of Law. The year 2009 marked the competition's 18th year of national success.

Consistent with these efforts of the American College of Legal Medicine to recognize and reward oral advocacy in the area of legal medicine, the ACLM is also committed to recognizing written advocacy and written scholarship on the part of law students, medical students, and allied health professions students. The ACLM annually sponsors a bioethics student writing competition, a legal medicine writing competition for medical students and law students, and a health law writing competition for allied health professions students. Authors of winning papers not only receive a generous honorarium, but their award-winning manuscripts may be published in the *Journal of Legal Medicine*, following peer review. Through these writing contests, the ACLM's efforts to promote research and scholarship are highly visible at law schools, medical schools, and healthcare educational programs.

Perhaps of greatest significance is the excellent record of achievement held by the American College of Legal Medicine in sponsoring successful scientific meetings and conferences in multiple venues throughout the United States. Since its inception, the ACLM has sponsored annual meetings, each lasting approximately three days and focusing on the most current and critical issues confronting the field of legal medicine. Each annual program showcases an internationally recognized panel of expert faculty who address a diverse and compelling array of medical legal issues that challenge healthcare professionals in virtually every arena of medical practice and research. At the annual meeting in 2010, the ACLM will celebrate its 50th Anniversary since incorporation.

Complete History of the ACLM

INTRODUCTION:

The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) has come fifty years from the time of first incorporation and to mark the organization's success, this historical summary was created. The summary focuses on the past presidents of the organization and is presented to the membership as part of the celebrations at the corresponding 50th annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, March 4 – 7, 2010. As stated in the overall text introduction above, this text represents the efforts of multiple individuals who have relied on an ACLM record that is relatively intact but which is nevertheless limited, and perhaps incomplete.

It has been assumed, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that ACLM occupies an historical position as the first national American organization representing the dual degree healthcare professional. Our focus will be to describe for the reader how an organization formed by eight physicians, only three of whom had dual degrees, became or grew into the sophisticated organization the ACLM is today through the guidance and leadership of the past presidents.

1960 – INCORPORATION

The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) was incorporated on September 20, 1960 in the State of Delaware. There are no minutes in the archives of any pre-incorporation meetings and all conclusions about the incorporators' motivation and aims must be drawn from the Articles of Incorporation, the Original Bylaws of the Corporation, and the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held in New York on September 28, 1960. From these documents, appears that the incorporators were a group of New York and Philadelphia members of an unincorporated organization of the same name formed some five years earlier on April 5, 1955. We come to that conclusion because the incorporation papers, drafted by Dr. Bricker, mention continuing the "functions" of that organization. However, whatever the relations were between the incorporators and the prior organization, a resolution passed at the organizational meeting chaired by Dr. Lefkoe makes it clear that these incorporators were interested in starting a new organization. Interestingly enough, the original Certificate of Incorporation is signed by the incorporators using the suffix FCLM (Fellow College of Legal Medicine), obviously bestowed by the previous organization.

The Incorporators were: **B. Maurice Shure, MD; Philip Reichert, MD; Alfons Joseph Muller, MD; Gustav Machol, MD; Harold Lefkoe, MD; Alfred Koerner, MD, LL.M.; Louis J. Gelber, MD, LL.B.; Reuben Morris Dicker, MD, LL.M.; and Glenn W. Bricker, MD.**

Benjamin Maurice Shure of Brooklyn, New York, was born in 1899. He received his MD from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center in New York. He practiced as a full time urologist and was a member of the International College of Surgeons although he was not board certified.

Philip Reichert of New York City was born in 1897. He earned his MD at Cornell University Medical College, New York in 1923. He took passed the National Board examinations in 1934. He practiced as a full time cardiologist and was a member of the American College of Cardiology and the American College of Physicians. He was not board certified.

Alfons Joseph Muller of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was born in 1924. He was awarded his MD at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1948. His practice was limited to physical medicine.

Gustav Machol of Brooklyn, New York was born in 1903. He received his medical degree from Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universitat-Medizinische Fakultat, Berlin, Germany in 1926. Dr. Machol was engaged in the full time practice of Psychiatry and Neurology at the time of the incorporation. He was a member of the American Psychiatric Association, however, he was not board certified.

Harold Lefkoe of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was born in 1909. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, in 1935. He passed the National Board examinations in 1936. He was a full time Orthopedic Surgeon and a member of the International College of Surgeons and the Industrial Medicine Association. He was not board certified.

Alfred Koerner of New York City was born in 1897 and practiced as a full time general practitioner. He graduated from the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond in 1928.

Louis Jack Gelber of Rockville Center, New York was born in 1901. He received his MD from George Washington University School of Medicine, Washington, DC in 1928. He practiced as a full time Radiologist and was a member of the Radiologic Society of North America although he was not Board Certified. At the time of the incorporation, Dr. Gelber was authoring a regular series of medical-legal articles for the Mississippi Valley Medical Journal.

Glenn W. Bricker of Levittown, Pennsylvania was born in 1924. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1953. Dr. Bricker was a general practitioner who worked part time as a physician for the Philadelphia Police Department. He listed himself as a part time Legal Medicine specialist. It is uncertain at this time if he was reviewing records, acting as an expert witness, or considering his duties as a police physician as his legal medicine connection.

All the incorporators were members of the AMA. The incorporators made up the first Board of Directors.

For the most part, the purposes of the new corporation were much the same as those of the present College – to study, promote and advance the field of legal medicine, to meet and cooperate with other healthcare providers in dealing with the same subjects, to arrange meetings and postgraduate education, and to publish educational journals. The original constitution called for a vice president in addition to our present officer positions of president, president-elect, treasurer and secretary and called for a second vice president when the membership roll exceeded 250.

1961 – REUBEN M. DICKER, MD, LLB

On January 1, 1961, The Board of Directors elected its first officers: President Reuben M. Dicker; President-Elect Louis J. Gelber; Vice-President B. Maurice Shure; Secretary Glenn W. Bricker; and Treasurer Alfons J. Muller. The official seal of the College was selected and approved. The seal “shall be round and contain a staff of the Aesculapius with a serpent clinging around it, as the support for the beam, on which the balanced pans of the Scales of Justice are suspended; further that the border be inscribed ‘American College of Legal Medicine.’” While the College seal was officially adopted at this meeting, the seal must have been in existence prior to this meeting, as an impression is present on the minutes with the text blocked to the right to accommodate it. Interestingly, the College seal has also remained the same throughout the years and is familiar to all members as the logo that decorates our publications, printings and products.

The Bylaws of the College were also adopted. The Original Bylaws had a quite different set of qualifications for fellowship than the present College. A Fellow was required to be a physician who was a professor or visiting professor of legal medicine at an approved medical school, OR Certified in Forensic Pathology, OR certified by the American Board of Legal Medicine.

Early in the year, the president appointed a membership and credentials committee chaired by Dr. Bricker. During these first years, the College was totally dependent upon the dedication of its members in organizing and developing programs, and in promoting its goals and objectives. The Board of Directors felt that special recognition should be given to those individuals who joined and supported the College during this formative period and agreed all members accepted as Fellows prior to January 1, 1962 would be identified as Founding Fellows.

The Board met again on January 29, 1961. The meeting appears to center around the relationship between ACLM and the American Board of Legal Medicine. A resolution was passed stating that the Board of ACLM would act as agents for the American Board of Legal Medicine if the American Board of Legal Medicine so requested. The ACLM Board scheduled their next meeting on March 5, 1961, following the membership meeting of the American Board of Legal Medicine. At the time of the March 5, 1961 meeting, the ACLM treasury was reported as \$240.00 and it was agreed that the Fellows would loan money to the College to cover their operating expenses. A Program Committee, Chaired by Dr. Lefkoe was appointed and a resolution passed that the Committee prepare an exhibit for the AMA convention in June 1961. A long discussion of the College dues structure was undertaken but no decision was made. It may be assumed that no relationship developed between ACLM and the American Board of Legal Medicine because no mention of the American Board of Legal Medicine or decisions in relations to that entity are found in the March 5th minutes and the resolution with regard to the American Board of Legal Medicine was rescinded in the following meeting.

The Board met again on April 23, 1961. Dr. Lefkoe, Program Committee chair, reported on an exhibit at the American Academy of General Practice (AAGP) annual meeting, and many members representing the College spoke before local medical societies. The AAGP meeting exhibit was well received. Dr. Dicker reported that he had received a call from the New York Medical Society for a speaker on insanity and Dr. Machol was assigned to be the speaker. A committee was appointed to revise the Constitution and there was a long discussion of membership problems although no action was taken.

The Board again met on July 9. The Program Committee reported that it was the consensus of the Committee that the ACLM program for the AMA should be directed to the general practitioner. A letter on policy from Dr. Machol, who was unable to attend the meeting, was read and Dr. Koerner spoke on the same subject. Both Board members made a plea for the College to stand for excellence and both urged that the College publish a directory and periodical to be the official journal of the College. Both urged that a central office for the College be established. In addition, Dr. Machol suggested increasing the Board membership from the original nine to twelve. The policy issues raised were discussed at length and finally Dr. Reichert was directed to investigate the possibility of establishing a central office. Eight applications for membership were approved, despite suggestions that no new members be admitted, until the constitution and bylaws were revised and membership issues finalized.

At the last Board meeting of 1961, held on October 22, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee reported and the Board adopted an edited constitution containing housekeeping and syntax revisions. The Board also adopted the following major bylaws revisions: The bylaws were revised to allow fellowship status for physicians actively engaged in the practice of legal medicine for five years. Applications for membership were to be circulated for thirty days to allow for written objections to be presented to the College Secretary and the foundation for the formation of various College sections was established. The revised constitution and bylaws were to be printed and circulated to the membership.

During this October meeting, 33 new members, including two future presidents, Arthur H. Coleman, MD, JD, and Charles U. Letourneau, MD, were approved. The possibility of a February assembly was raised by the Program Committee, and after discussion, a board resolution authorized Drs. Lefkoe and Bricker to arrange such an assembly. A Publications Committee, chaired by Dr. Gelber, was established.

1961 – 1962

B. MAURICE SHURE, MD, FCLM

In December 1961, President Dicker died and Dr. Shure, the Vice President, completed his unexpired term of office. Although affected by the unexpected death of the President, plans proceeded for the first scientific session sponsored by the College and a Winter Assembly, organized by Dr. Lefkoe, was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 11, 1962. The assembly, which took place at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, had two panel sessions. The morning session was titled “The Legal Responsibilities of Hospitals” and featured Charles U. Letourneau, Sister Mary Fidelise, Joseph G. Feldman, and John J. McDevitt. The afternoon session was titled “The Medico-Legal Aspect of Fee Splitting” and featured Alfred S. Julian, Burton R. Pollock, and Charles J. Frankel.

This 1962 winter meeting of the College was held in conjunction with the Annual meeting of the American Medical Association. The one-day scientific session was planned so that members would be able to attend meetings of both organizations and this tradition of convening in conjunction with AMA continued for several years.

1962 – 1963

LOUIS J. GELBER, MD, LLB, FCLM

During Dr. Gelber's term, which began after the June annual meeting described below, the affairs of the College grew to the extent that an outside management firm was employed on a retainer basis to assist the officers and Board in the performance of its duties. The Board instructed the Publications Committee to begin publication of a newsletter following the assembly, and authorized the following College Sections: Criminology; Demography; Legislation; Malpractice; Medicine; Pathology; Psychiatry; Public Health; and Surgery.

The annual meeting was held at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, Illinois on June 23, 1962. According to the Board meeting minutes, it was to be held in conjunction with the annual AMA meeting. However, details of interaction with that meeting, if there was any, are lacking in the minutes of the mid-year meeting. The following officers and Board members were elected: President: Louis Joseph Gelber (Previous President-Elect); President-Elect: Charles U. Letourneau; Vice President: Joseph B. Davis; Secretary: Glenn W. Bricker; Treasurer: Alfons J. Muller; Directors (1962-67): Samuel B. Burk, George Schwartz, and G. David McClure

1963 – 1966

CHARLES U. LETOURNEAU, MD, LLB

The 1963 annual meeting was held on June 16, 1963 in the Shelburne Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Charles U. Letourneau, the previous president-elect took over as president and a temporary slate of officers was elected to serve until the new constitution and bylaws could be ratified at the 1964 meeting in San Francisco, California. For that reason, no president-elect was nominated. With this appointment, Dr. Letourneau became the fourth president of the College. Early in his tenure, the College established a full-time permanent office and staff in Chicago, Illinois, at 60 East Scott Street, by contracting with University Management and Secretarial Services and hiring Ms. Betty Hanna as executive secretary on a limited budget.

Board policy was established such that all Fellows who had previously loaned money to ACLM and to whom the College is indebted may credit their indebtedness toward the payment of their dues. In other actions, the Board accepted a second revised version of the constitution and bylaws from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. This version was designed to simplify the operation of the College. It was to be circulated to the membership for ratification at the 1964 annual meeting of the College.

In 1963, the College elected its first Fellow Emeritus, Dr. Philip Reichert. Also in that year, both Drs. Bricker and Muller resigned from the College and the College found itself deeply in debt with organizational affairs in a state of chaos. A committee was appointed to investigate the vacated offices and Dr. Letourneau volunteered to complete arrangements for the 1964 Annual meeting.

The 1964 annual meeting was held in the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, California on June 21st. Only 10 members out of 54 paid-up members attended, but Dr. Letourneau, president, declared a quorum present by use of some 30 proxies made out to him. With the complete power therefore in the president's hands, the revised constitution and bylaws were adopted and the following officers and directors elected: President: Charles U. Letourneau; Vice President: Samuel L. Hornstein; Treasurer: Thomas Slatterly; Secretary: Joseph B. Davis; Directors (1964-1965): Louis J. Gelber, Carl Wasmuth, Harold Lefkoe, Amil Johnson; Directors (1964-1966): Sidney Franklin, Samuel L. Hornstein, Thomas Slatterly, Robert Morris; Directors (1964-1967): Arthur Coleman, Charles U. Letourneau, George Schwartz, and Joseph M. Davis.

The program for the 1964 meeting was a single afternoon program involving six speakers. The program reportedly was well received by the membership in attendance.

The membership approved the simplification changes of the Bylaws including the elimination of the office of president-elect and the addition of a new category of membership (Associate). This second change opened college membership to those who did not qualify for Fellow, but had demonstrated an interest in the objectives of the College and in the field of legal medicine. Membership during 1964 reached 60 and represented 32 states. It was also during these early years that two future Presidents, Cyril H. Wecht and Carl E. Wasmuth became Fellows.

Dr. Letourneau was re-elected to the presidency in 1965, beginning a tradition of three-year terms for the president and other officers. The membership felt that continuity and a sense of stability was necessary at this time to assure the continued growth of the organization, and that the election of a new slate of officers each year would not have a positive effect on the College.

The Committee appointed to investigate the previously mentioned founding Fellow resignations, chaired by Dr. Reichert, submitted majority and minority reports. The majority report concerned itself with auditing the accounts payable and reconciling those debts with College purposes. They found one unjustified debt of \$80.00. The minority report, submitted by Dr. Koerner, made it plain that he believed several issues of malfeasance of office were encountered, but that the Committee did not investigate those issues. As a result of these reports, the board closed all bank accounts in Philadelphia and ordered an audit by an outside firm of accountants.

In 1966, ACLM was reported to have 56 paid-up members and Dr. Samuel Burk was admitted to Emeritus rank in the College. The year 1966 also marked the first time a comprehensive financial report was issued to the Board, and the first time anything resembling a budget was contemplated. Even though the College's 501-3C status was still not approved, the College, while still not solvent, was able to adequately assess its financial situation for the first time.

The Board voted to notify every medical school and law school in the country that ACLM would cooperate in "establishing a basic course in the law of medicine."

ACLM was still holding one-day annual meetings in conjunction with the AMA's annual meeting, but the only reference to any interaction with the AMA is a note that Dr. Wasmuth was named to the AMA committee on legal problems. The 1966 Annual Meeting was held in the Ambassador East Hotel in Chicago. Nine Fellows attended and again President Letourneau conducted business based on some 36 proxies made out to him that he exercised. The membership ratified the actions of the Board and elected the following officers and board members: President: Carl E. Wasmuth; Vice-President: Joseph B. Davis; Secretary: Charles U. Letourneau; Treasurer: Thomas Slatterly; Board: Sidney Franklin, Robert R. Morris, Thomas Slatterly, and Cyril Wecht.

1966 - 1969

CARL E. WASMUTH, MD, LLB, FCLM

During the first year of Dr. Wasmuth's term, and in conjunction with the efforts of Dr. Joseph Davis and other members, the College was finally able to secure tax-exempt 501-3C status from the Internal Revenue Service. This allowed the College to accept donations from commercial firms and individuals for the purpose of educational programs and for research, as well as qualify the organization to apply for grants from the federal government and foundations. In 1967, the management services of University Management and Secretarial Services continued to function well and were renewed for a one-year contract.

Numerous problems were found with the constitution and bylaws adopted in 1965, and under the years of Dr. Wasmuth's leadership, Dr. Lefkoe, chair of the Constitution and Bylaws committee, offered substantial changes to be voted on at the 1967 annual meeting in Atlantic City. Also, changes to the Corporation Charter were approved as a special meeting of the Board at the Cleveland Clinic Educational Foundation in December 1966. The changes added notice requirements and a super majority action of the membership to any action for dissolution of the College. At that same special meeting, it was announced that ACLM was going to sponsor a page in a new Journal entitled "Patient Care."

The College undertook a Malpractice Prevention Plan as the first educational and research project of the College. In addition, the title of the Board was changed from "Board of Directors" to "Board of Governors." A College brochure was authorized in 1967 and Don Harper Mills, a future president, was approved as a Fellow.

The 1967 Annual Meeting was held at the Shelburne Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey on June 18, 1967. Only thirteen Fellows out of a total membership of 76 attended. Again, a quorum was established to carry out business by the use of proxies held by the president. The officers were re-elected. The following Board members were elected: Arthur Coleman, Joseph B. Davis, George Schwartz, and Charles U. Letourneau. There is no record of any educational program.

In 1968 the AMA recognized ACLM as an organization of medical interest and began publishing information on the College and its meetings. Despite a growth in membership to 105 members, ACLM was still not financially solvent. To remedy the situation, the Board approved a raise in dues from \$30.00 per year to \$50.00 per year, which was to go into effect January 1, 1969. The Auditors also made a strong recommendation that a formal budget be adopted with reserves for any ongoing projects. The previously authorized brochure was finally completed and approved. It consisted of a brief description of the College and its constitution and bylaws. It had been financed by contributions from six major pharmaceutical firms.

Also in 1968 Lee S. Goldsmith, a future president, was approved as a Fellow and the College added another category of membership, that of Corresponding Fellow, thus opening membership on an international level.

The 1968 Annual Meeting was held at the San Francisco Hilton in San Francisco, California on June 16. Only 13 Fellows attended the meeting and business was conducted under a quorum established by proxies held by Dr. Letourneau as secretary. Of interest, it should be noted that while Dr. Letourneau was president, he held the proxies at the annual meetings during his term. Thus, at this meeting, the power was strictly in the secretary's hands (Letourneau) and the following Officers and Board members were elected: President: Carl E. Wasmuth; Vice-President: Cyril H. Wecht; Secretary: Charles U. Letourneau; Treasurer: J. Harold Williams; Board Members: Carl E. Wasmuth, Monroe E. Trout, J. Harold Williams, and Louis Gelber.

Dr. James Goddard, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, was invited as the banquet speaker. The first honorary fellowships were awarded to Albert Averbach and David Louisell.

Dr. Wasmuth became ill in his third term and Dr. Cyril Wecht, who was vice president at the time, assumed many of the president's duties. Although no previous mention of it could be found in the archives, an ACLM breakfast was reportedly held at the combined AMA – ABA meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada with some 26 members in attendance. At that breakfast, an Honorary Fellowship was also granted to the AMA president, Dr. Bernard Hirsh, without any record of prior Board approval. The Board and the membership later ratified this action. Because of the success of this meeting, the Board resolved to co-sponsor other regional meetings with other medical organizations.

The series of articles in "Patient Care" continued to run with various Fellows contributing articles. The Board voted to investigate some type of survey, being undertaken by Professor William Curran, on individuals with dual degrees in the United States and report to the Board as to whether ACLM should act in response to the survey.

1969 - 1972

CYRIL H. WECHT, MD, JD, FCLM

Dr. Wecht became a member of the ACLM in 1962, and has attended every annual meeting since that time with one exception. He was elected vice president in 1966 and served in that capacity until being elected as President in 1969. Regrettably, Dr. Carl Wasmuth developed a serious illness in 1968, and Dr. Wecht actually assumed the duties of president that year.

Throughout the 1960s, the ACLM conducted its Annual meetings on the Sunday preceding the commencement of the AMA National Conventions, wherever the AMA met. Papers were presented, and a brief business meeting followed immediately thereafter. As the field of legal medicine continued to expand and become increasingly involved in various aspects of civil and criminal law, government activities and educational programs in medical, law and public health graduate schools; and an increasing number of individuals were acquiring medical and law degrees, membership began to grow at a significant rate. This burgeoning membership enabled ACLM to initiate several new endeavors and also schedule independent annual conferences.

As President, Dr. Wecht reports he was fortunate to have available so many new members who were eager to expand the role of the ACLM and help the organization achieve a position of primacy in the overall arena of legal medicine. During his three official (and one unofficial!) years as president, he was instrumental in helping the ACLM achieve the following:

1. Recognition by the AMA as an "Organization of Medical Interest," with inclusion of information pertaining to the ACLM in its publications.
2. Publication of a brochure about the ACLM, funded by six major pharmaceutical firms.
3. Regular contributions by ACLM Fellows to a series of medico-legal articles published in *Patient Care Magazine*.

4. Creation of an ACLM Quarterly Journal.
5. Sponsorship of several post-graduate medico-legal symposia with prominent national professional and governmental speakers, including Professor William Curran (Harvard), U.S. Senator Charles Percy (Illinois), Chief Judge of the Third Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Ruggiero J. Aldisert, Professor Alan Moritz (Harvard and Western Reserve) and others.
6. Commencement of mid-year Board Meetings.
7. Filing of first Amicus Curiae Brief and promulgation of first position papers regarding controversial medico-legal matters.
8. Significant growth of membership.

Dr. Wecht also recalls, on a personal level, these were exciting years as the ACLM moved from infancy through adolescence into adulthood. “I was proud and honored to have been afforded the opportunity to help nurture the growth and development of an organization that has always been and remains my foremost professional affiliation.”

In other records, the 1969 Annual Meeting was held in the Warwick Hotel in New York City. Twenty of the 145 members attended, and Dr. Wasmuth declared a quorum was established without the use of proxies that were held by Dr. Letourneau. Two future presidents, John S. Boyden, Jr. and James Zimmerly were approved for membership as Associates. Dr. Milton Helpern was awarded an Honorary Fellowship. The following officers were elected: President: Cyril H. Wecht; Vice-President: No record of a vice president election; Secretary: Charles U. Letourneau; Treasurer: Arthur H. Coleman; Board Members: Charles J. Frankel, Robert R. Morris, Cyril H. Wecht, and Herman Wing.

Up to this time, notable papers presented at ACLM meetings had been published in the Cleveland-Marshall Law Review. Now, under Dr. Wecht’s leadership, as noted above, the first publication of a College newsletter was produced and plans for a College professional quality, quarterly journal started. Until such time as the College publication was developed, the relationship with the Cleveland-Marshall Law Review was to be continued and the long running series in Patient Care was also continued.

The College Board began to investigate and consider a wide variety of possible projects for ACLM. The basic organization was in place, and, now, under Dr. Wecht, the College began exploring directions and ways to grow.

The 1969 – 1970 years saw the death of Thomas Slatterly, a long time treasurer of the College, and the major illness of past president and present secretary of the College, Charles U. Letourneau. This was also the year that saw the elevation of future president James Zimmerly from an Associate to Fellow.

The Board passed a resolution limiting the number of Honorary Fellows to two in any one year and required their nomination by a committee consisting of three

immediate past presidents and two former recipients of the award. The Board also accepted a grant from Dr. George Schwartz in perpetuity of \$500.00 for each recipient of an Honorary Fellowship. The Board also approved sending a report on medical malpractice prevention authored and based on research by Dr. Lee Goldsmith to each County Medical Society and asking the societies to review it.

The annual meeting of the College was held at the Chicago Sheraton Hotel on June 21, 1970. It was the last of the ACLM meetings held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the AMA. There were 34 Fellows present out of a total membership of 173. For the first time, the matter of the Officers self perpetuating themselves on the Board was raised on the floor of the meeting by Drs. Wasmuth, Roberts and Trout – the members of the Nominating Committee. Despite expressing this reservation, this group continued with the same perpetuation in their nominations and the following officers and board members were elected: President: Cyril Wecht; Vice-President: Monroe E. Trout, Secretary: Charles U. Letourneau; Treasurer: Arthur Coleman; Assistant Secretary: Herman Wing; Board Members: Charles U. Letourneau, Arthur Coleman, George Schwartz, and Joseph B. Davis.

An afternoon educational program was presented with Professor William Curran of Harvard School of Public Health, Eli P. Berszweig from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, John Porterfield of the Joint Commission, and Dean E. Donald Shapiro of the Practicing Law Institute of New York as speakers. The banquet speaker was Senator Charles Percy.

Beginning in 1971 all applicants for membership in ACLM were required to have a sponsor from within the College. Despite the fact that physicians were no longer forced to join the AMA to remain in their county and state medical societies, the Board voted to retain the requirement of AMA membership for Fellowship in ACLM. This was also the year that Francis I. Kittridge, a future President, became an affiliate of ACLM. At a special meeting of the Board, William H. Dornette was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Charles U. Letourneau who was forced to resign his position because of illness.

ACLM was reportedly a sponsor of a program entitled, “The National Malpractice Seminar,” held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in which Drs. Wecht, Wasmuth and Trout participated.

The 1971 Annual Meeting was held at the Royal Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana on May 8. This was the first year the College held an independent meeting. It was also the first year that a meeting was taped and the tapes were offered for sale. The membership ratified the work of the Board and, retroactively, the sponsorship of the National Malpractice Seminar mentioned above. The Honorable Ruggiero J. Aldisert, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and Alan Richards Moritz, Former Harvard Professor of Legal Medicine and prominent Legal Medicine author, were awarded Honorary Fellowships. A meeting of the Professional Liaison Committee was held in conjunction with the annual meeting. The following Officers and Board Members were elected: President: Cyril H. Wecht; Vice-President: Monroe Trout; Secretary: Loren F. Taylor; Treasurer: Arthur H. Coleman; Board Members: Don Harper Mills, Loren F. Taylor, Monroe E. Trout, and Carl E. Wasmuth.

The mid-year Board meeting was started in 1971 and held at the Terrance Hilton Hotel (the location of the hotel was not recorded). The Board had met regularly just before the annual meeting and in special sessions at various times between annual meetings, but the regularly scheduled mid-year meeting was introduced, as noted above, by Dr. Wecht. The meeting was devoted almost wholly to completing the program for the 1972 Annual Meeting, but the case of *Bricker v. Sceva Speare Memorial Hospital* was also discussed. After that discussion, the Board agreed to file an *amicus curiae* brief on behalf of Dr. Glenn Bricker, one of the founders of the College who was in an action before the Supreme Court of the United States. The Board also instituted a \$25.00 application processing fee. Dr. Richard F. Gibbs was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Robert Morris.

1972 - 1974

MONROE E. TROUT, MD, JD, LLB, FCLM

Dr. Monroe E. Trout was President from 1972-1974. During his term of office he focused on starting a Legal Medicine Journal and stabilizing the financial condition of the College. Dr. Trout was instrumental in obtaining a contract with Don Gussow, who was in the publishing business, to print, sell and pay the College a fee for doing so. Bill Dornette was selected as the first editor and the first "*Journal of Legal Medicine*" was published in March 1973. With this contract and with donations he was able to secure from pharmaceutical companies, Dr. Trout was able to stabilize the College finances. During his term, Elliott Richardson, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, appointed Dr. Trout to the Malpractice Commission and he also chaired and was the moderator of the debate on malpractice between the presidents of the AMA and the ABA in Memphis, Tennessee. One of his great interests was starting a Legal Medicine Primer for medical students and young doctors, however, there were no funds for such a venture.

Finally in the mid 1980s, he conceived and incorporated the ACLM Foundation to accept gifts as a charitable organization and started work on the primer which

was distributed free to all medical schools with financial help from the pharmaceutical industry. Dr. Trout also served as the first Chair of the Board of the Foundation. Even though the number of members in the College was quite small in 1970, through the combined efforts of past presidents, we were able to expand. Dr. Trout also started the first course in Legal Medicine at Dickinson School of Law (now Penn State School of Law) in 1962. It was one of the first legal medicine courses in the United States.

From other records of the College, 1972 marked the distribution of the first true Directory of the College, which listed members' personal information and medical specialty, but did not contain a copy of the constitution or bylaws. The Board also approved a new informational brochure.

Two future Presidents joined ACLM in 1972 – Jerry Zaslow and Harold Hirsh. Dr. Shure, one of the founders, became an Emeritus Member this year, and Board member George Schwartz was forced to resign his position because of illness.

The 1972 Annual Meeting was planned for May 11 – 13, 1972 at the Americana Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida. The business meeting was scheduled for the afternoon of the eleventh, the education session, luncheon and banquet on the twelfth, and a half-day educational session on the thirteenth.

Attendance remained about the same with 35 members out of a total membership of 215 attending. A pertinent statement on Blood Transfusion Liability, drafted by Dr. Goldsmith and previously approved by the Board, was approved by the membership. However, his statement on abortion was defeated at the Board level and approached only after considerable amendment. Board membership was limited to two consecutive three-year terms. The membership ratified the work of the Board and voted to adopt the following dues structure: Fellows \$100.00; Associates \$60.00; and Affiliates \$50.00. The following Officers and Board Members were elected: President: Monroe F. Trout; Vice-President: Don Harper Mills; Secretary: Loren B. Taylor; Treasurer: Arthur H. Coleman; Board Members: Marshall Segal, Richard F. Gibbs, Herman Wing, Cyril Wecht, and John S. Boyden (to fill the George Schwartz position).

Two special Board meetings followed the annual meeting, but there was no scheduled mid-year meeting recorded. The first of these meetings was held at the Cleveland Clinic Inn, Cleveland, Ohio on September 6, 1972.

It appears to have been a rather typical mid-year meeting focusing on the plans for the 1973 Annual meeting and program. However, Dr. Marshall Segal, chair of the Publications Committee, presented two offers from two publishers, Lippincott and Magazines for Industry, to publish a "*Journal of Legal Medicine*." The Lippincott offer was to publish a quarterly "subscription" journal of some 64 pages for a subscription price of \$15.00. Magazines for Industry, the publishers of Modern Medicine, offered a controlled circulation of 90,000 with a \$10,000 revenue to and complete editorial control for ACLM. The Board voted to accept the proposal from Magazines for Industry and, as noted above, the following editors and editorial board was appointed: Editor: William H.L. Dornette; Associate Editor: David S. Rubsamen; Associate Editor Business: Marshall Segal; Assistant Editor Business: Arthur Coleman.

In other action, the Board approved the membership application of future President Edgar A. Reed. The second special Board meeting of 1972 was held on December 11, at the Plaza Hotel, New York City. The main purposes of the meeting seem to have been to approve and sign the final contract with Magazine for Industry and to finalize the program for the annual meeting.

The Board met next at the annual meeting at the Stanford Court Hotel in San Francisco, California. Two concepts that have become part and parcel of current College practice were introduced at this meeting. First, discretionary Presidential awards for outstanding service to the College were approved, and, second, an award for student papers was adopted. For the first time in the College's history, there was a financial surplus allowing the membership to approve placing \$10,000.00 in an interest bearing savings account and monies for presidential and Board expenses. In addition, membership allocated \$500.00 to be used for speakers at Annual meetings. Several position papers were also approved by the membership and the Following Officers and Board Members were elected: President: Monroe E. Trout; Vice-President: Don Harper Mills; Secretary: Loren F. Taylor; Treasurer: Arthur H. Coleman; Board Members: Arthur H. Coleman, William H.L. Dornette, John S. Boyden, and David S. Rubsamen.

In 1973, the membership voted to repeal the constitution and draft new bylaws to incorporate provisions of the constitution. Drs. Gibbs and Boyden chaired the committee to draft the new bylaws and review the College's documents of Incorporation and revise them in conformity to the new bylaws. The Board also voted to cooperate with the National Foundation for the Study of Health Science Liability and to appoint a College Fellow to their Board of Governors.

In November Dr. George Schwartz, who had endowed the Honorary Fellowship program, passed away and the Medical Student Writing Award was named in his honor.

1974 - 1976

DON HARPER MILLS, MD, JD

In the late 1960s and early 1970s the medical profession was in the throes of the medical malpractice insurance crisis. David Rubsamen, MD, JD and Dr. Mills, MD, JD were research assistants for the HEW Secretary's Commission on Medical Malpractice. We noted that the primary defect in the ability to resolve the crisis was the lack of information about the adverse outcomes leading to litigation. Dr. Mills therefore conducted a pilot study to determine the feasibility of performing audits on hospital records. It proved successful. In 1975 he published an article in JAMA affirming the necessity for a complete audit for adverse outcomes. In January 1976, the California Medical Association and California Hospital Association joined forces in allowing him to undertake the study in California. In addition to Dr. Mills, Dr. Rubsamen and John Boyden, MD, JD (a subsequent president of ACLM) conducted the study, which was published in 1977 by the sponsors (a technical summary was published in the *Western Journal of Medicine* in April 1978.)

In the meantime, Dr. Mills was the chair of the Malpractice Committee of the College prior to his presidency and utilized the expertise of others to help identify how the audit study could be performed. It should be noted that a research group at Harvard subsequently performed the same type of study in New York, utilizing much of the data gathering systems Dr. Mills had developed in California.

Dr. Mills presided over the 1975 Annual Meeting in Bermuda and the 1976 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. At that meeting Roger O. Egeberg, MD, was the banquet speaker. He was the Assistant secretary of Health (HEW), and it is with Dr. Egeberg that Dr. Mills participated at the national level on developing possible reform directives for medical malpractice litigation.

During the tenure of Dr. Mills, the ACLM inaugurated attempts to develop an MD/JD curriculum under the chairmanship of Lee J. Dunn.

In May 1974 the Board named the Law Student Writing Award after the fourth president of the College, Charles U. Letourneau. In other action, the Board assigned the problem of Board certification in legal medicine to the Chicago Academy of Legal Medicine.

Also during the spring of 1974, through the efforts of Marshall Segal, the American College of Emergency Medicine and the American Academy of Family Practice recognized ACLM programs for CME credits.

The 1974 Mid-Year Board meeting was held at O'Hare International Tower Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. Future president Salvatore F. Fiscina was approved for membership at this meeting. ACLM withdrew from a proposed meeting with the American Society of Law and Medicine when ACLM members were

withdrawn from the program and the American Society of Law and Medicine launched a new journal in direct competition to the *Journal of Legal Medicine*.

Later that year, the Board filed for Trademark protection for the ACLM Logo. The Board also noted that despite the investment of a large amount of start up cash by the publisher, the *Journal of Legal Medicine* was not profitable and the Journal's size was contracting.

ACLM programs were approved for AMA CME credits in the spring of 1975, and future presidents Dorothy Rasinski Gregory and Miles Zaremski's applications for membership were approved.

The 1975 Annual Meeting of ACLM was held at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 30. The membership approved the formation of a Resolutions Committee as a Standing Committee of the College; a new category of membership, Associate-in-Science; the *Journal of Legal Medicine* was increased from six issues per year to ten issues per year; and approved a resolution urging the AMA to form a standing committee on Law and Medicine to function in conjunction with ACLM.

The Honorable David B. Bazelon, U.S Court of Appeals, District of Columbia, was elected an honorary fellow. It was announced that the 1976 Annual Meeting would be held in Bermuda.

Don Harper Mills had been elected to a two-year term in 1974 so he did not have to stand for election. The following Officers and Members of the Board were elected: Vice President: Arthur H. Coleman; Secretary: Richard F. Gibbs; Treasurer: John S. Boyden; Board Members: Richard F. Gibbs, Marshall B. Segal, Walter Ward, and Alan Rosenberg.

The Board meeting immediately after the annual meeting passed an emergency position resolution on the malpractice crisis. Dr. Edgar Reed was appointed chair of the next annual meeting to be held in Bermuda.

Over the next year, the Board met three times. A task force to develop a model medical-legal curriculum was now fully organized and functioning. The College had an excess of almost \$16,000.00 over its expenses for 1975 and was able to allocate a \$1000.00 honorarium for the annual banquet speaker. The publication of a new directory was approved, and the resignation of Board member Loren Taylor was accepted.

The strict adherence to the Board membership limitation of two terms lasting three years each was reconfirmed amid membership complaints of a “closed shop.” It was during this period that the application of Theodore R. Leblang, the future President of ACLM and long-time editor of the *Journal of Legal Medicine* was approved. The Student Award Program had grown to the point that 45 papers were received and reviewed for the two awards, and it was decided to award second and third place awards in addition to the first place award.

1976 - 1978

JOHN S. BOYDEN, JR., MD, LLB

Dr. Boyden was instrumental in initiating a mid-winter scientific meeting and expanding the annual convocation to two full days and two half days. The bylaws were changed to shorten the term of the presidency to one year, and to provide for a president-elect who would automatically assume the presidency at the next annual meeting. During the 1978 meeting Dr. Boyden turned over the gavel to President-Elect Richard Gibbs.

The 1976 Annual Meeting was held at the Castle Harbour Hotel in Tucker’s Town, Bermuda on May 13. The Membership voted to make two important amendments to the Bylaws which included, requiring the report of the nominating committee to be posted on the first day of the annual meeting and requiring the budget to be submitted to the Board in December so it could be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.

In addition, the membership passed a resolution urging physicians to be willing to act as expert witnesses. The membership elected the following Officers and Board Members: President: John Boyden; Vice-President: Richard Gibbs; Secretary: James Zimmerly; Treasurer: William Dornette; Board Members: Jerry Zaslow (to fill Loren Taylor’s term), Edgar Reed, John Boyden, William Dornette, and David Rubsamen.

Following the Annual meeting, a mid-year Board meeting was scheduled for the O’Hare Hilton on September 11. Dr. Lee Goldsmith was named chair of the next annual meeting to be held in Scottsdale.

At the O’Hare Hilton meeting, the task force on Medical Legal Curriculum presented their model curriculum, which the board approved. The model curriculum was to be printed in the *Journal of Legal Medicine* and 10,000 copies distributed to law schools, medical schools and through the mailing list of Dr. Edward Schwartz.

The Board held a second, non-scheduled meeting at the O'Hare Hilton on December 4, 1976. A plan to appoint Regional College Directors to set up educational programs within their regions was adopted. The *Journal of Legal Medicine* was now in its fourth year of publication and still running at a loss. The Editor, Dr. Dornette, proposed setting up a network of reporters to keep the journal current on regional legislation and important case results. The Board, while skeptical of the plan, gave Dr. Dornette permission to set up his network.

A third special Board meeting at the O'Hare Hilton was called for March 5, 1977. This was obviously an important meeting and many changes were approved. A College statement titled "Notice To Fellows who are Requested to Interview Fellows" was approved by the Board and circulated to the membership. At the request of the Educational Committee, the Board approved the plan for a mid-year educational meeting. The Board also approved the co-sponsorship of a meeting with Washington Hospital Center, Washington D.C., to be chaired by Sal Fiscina.

The term of the president was reduced from two years to one year; the office of vice president was eliminated and the office of president-elect added to the list of officers. Dr. James Zimmerly became the editor of the *Journal of Legal Medicine* during the term of Dr. Boyden. The *Journal* was initially published six times a year, but in 1975, as noted above, the *Journal* switched to ten issues annually. Also, the editor of the *Journal of Legal Medicine* was added as an ex-officio member of the Board and was charged with renegotiating the JLM contract; re paging JLM; and securing an audited statement.

The Board next met at the 1977 Annual Meeting at the Camelback Inn in Scottsdale, Arizona on May 11. Future President Charles Hollen's application for membership was approved at this meeting as was the application of Philip Shelton. Because of the continual changes in the Bylaws since 1974, a "paste up" version of the bylaws was to be used at the annual meeting. The Board approved printing the bylaws, incorporating any changes made at the annual meeting at the conclusion of that meeting.

Much of the meeting was taken up with an interchange between the publishers of the *Journal of Legal Medicine* and the Board. It was obvious from the discussion that the *Journal* was a financial failure. The publishers blamed the College for not producing what the circulation audience wanted and the College felt that a great deal of uncompensated time was spent in producing the *Journal*. College conferences were scheduled to discuss the matter before the JLM contract was renewed.

An ongoing discussion between ACLM and the American Board of Legal Medicine was outlined for the Board. ACLM wanted to work with the ABLM to develop criteria for Board Certification that would meet the American Board of Medical Specialties criteria for recognition and, if at all possible, secure the ABLM title and trademark.

At the annual meeting, the Membership approved increasing the management fees to \$1000.00 per month. The membership also approved the one-year term for the president, the change from vice president to president-elect, and placing the editor of the *Journal of Legal Medicine* on the Board as an ex officio member without voting privileges. Two other amendments to the bylaws approved by the membership provided that all candidates for office shall be Governors or members in good standing for five years and that all officers, not Governors, shall be ex-officio members of the Board with voting privileges.

The Following Officers and Board Members were elected: (John Boyden remained as President for another year) President-Elect: Richard Gibbs; Secretary: William Dornette; Treasurer: Edgar Reed; Board Members: Lee Goldsmith, McCarthy DeMere, Jerry Zaslow, and James Zimmerly.

Although the Scottsdale, Arizona meeting drew 256 registrants and 103 of their family members, it lost in excess of \$3000.00. The next annual meeting was scheduled for San Francisco and was to be chaired by Dorothy Rasinski Gregory.

1978 – 1979

RICHARD F. GIBBS, MD, LLB, JD, FCLM

During Dr. Gibbs' tenure, a procedural manual was developed to clarify and implement the functions of the various committees, including the all-important Credentials Committee. The procedural manual was formally adopted by the Board of Governors.

JLM continued to be a matter of concern and discussion within the College following the 1977 Annual Meeting. The Board approved a Publications Committee to handle the business problems of JLM. Dr. Zimmerly's Editorial Board made many suggestions, and in 1978, the recommendations of Dr. Zimmerly's committee were accepted and the decision was made that ACLM would have two journals – a scholarly journal entitled the "*Journal of Legal Medicine*," and a popular publication, the "Legal Aspects of Medical Practice" (LAMP). It was decided that the *Journal of Legal Medicine* would be published quarterly, and Legal Aspects of Medical Practice would continue on a 10 – 12 issue per year basis. The contract with Magazines For Industry was renegotiated in light of the two journals and the payment to ACLM increased to \$25,000.00 per year. Dr. Zimmerly was to act as editor of Legal Aspects of Medical Practice and Dr. Goldsmith as editor of the *Journal of Legal Medicine*.

An agreement was reached with McGraw Hill to print the ACLM Task Force on Medical Legal Curriculum's report. The report is estimated at 425 pages with 15 illustrations. Royalties of 13 percent on the first 20,000 volumes are to be split between the College and the members of the task force although the terms had not been agreed upon.

In November of 1978 Dr. Rubsamen's resignation from the Board was accepted and Dorothy Rasinski Gregory was named to complete his term. A future president, Arthur Joel Cohen's application for membership was approved.

The 1978 Annual Meeting and its attendant Board meeting were held at the Stanford Court Hotel in San Francisco on May 3. Honorary Fellowships were awarded to Howard Hassard, JD of San Francisco and James Ludlam, JD of Los Angeles, California.

In likely reaction to the demand by the task force for Medical Legal Curriculum that the royalties from McGraw be split with the members of the task force, cited above, the membership approved the following resolution: "That all activities performed for the College by members of the College in any capacity shall be donated to the College, without charge to the College for professional services, unless provisions for such charge shall have been made and agreed to by resolution of the Board of Governors before the service is performed." The following Officers and Board members were elected: President-Elect: William Dornette; Treasurer: Edgar Reed; Secretary: Marshall Segal; Board Members: Richard S. Scott, Leonard Arnold, Robert Galacz, and Samuel Rhem. Cyril Wecht was named chair of the 1979 Annual Meeting to be held at the Hyatt at Hilton Head, South Carolina.

At a special meeting of the board in August, 1978, the Board passed a resolution to the AMA, ABA, and National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws stating ACLM was opposed to the Uniform Brain Death Act and asking that all consideration of the following subjects: "Definition of Death," "The right to die," and "Do not resuscitate" be suspended until ACLM could draft model legislation on these subjects.

Later that year, the board approved a "Guide for Committees of the American College of Legal Medicine" and ordered it sent to the chair of each committee. In early 1979 the total membership of the College was listed as 558. The Board approved the application of Dr. Stewart Reuter, a future president of the College.

1979 – 1980

WILLIAM H. L. DORNETTE, MD, JD, FCLM

Dr. Dornette assumed the Presidency at the 1979 Annual Convocation in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. In 1979 the College commenced a new *Journal of Legal Medicine* as a scholarly law review type publication on a quarterly basis, as mentioned above, with Lee Goldsmith as its Editor. After a few issues, Theodore LeBlang assumed the editorship. It is reported that Cyril Wecht had assumed the editorship of Legal Aspects of Medical Practice (LAMP). Dr. Wecht reported that LAMP was very well received but that the publisher continued to report that he was losing money on the publication.

The Board met with representatives of the American Board of Legal Medicine at the Board Meeting held in conjunction with the Annual meeting held at the Hyatt at Hilton Head, South Carolina. At that meeting, it was agreed that the two groups should be unified with the single aim of providing certification criteria that would satisfy the American Board of Medical Specialties and the AMA. To that end, the Board passed the following resolution: “To elect the active members of the American Board of Legal Medicine to Fellowship in the American College of Legal Medicine.” Dr. Dornette appointed a task force to develop an objective examination for testing the qualifications of an applicant for certification as a specialist in legal medicine and it appears Ted Leblang headed the “Task Force on Examinations for Board certification.”

At that same meeting, the Board approved the membership application of Philip Salvatore Cifarelli, a future President of ACLM and Dorothy Rasinski Gregory took over as editor of ACLM Newsletter.

The membership voted to approve making the Publications Committee a standing Committee and the following Officers and Board Members were elected: President-Elect: James Zimmerly; Treasurer: Edgar Reed; Secretary: Jerry Zaslow; Board Members: Arthur Coleman, Dorothy Rasinski Gregory, Francis Kittredge, and Salvatore Fiscina.

At the Board meeting immediately following the 1979 annual meeting, it was announced that Ted Leblang would chair the mid-year educational meeting at the Ambassador West Hotel, Chicago and Marshall Segal would chair the 1980 annual meeting in Houston.

The Board voted to budget the Editor of JLM \$2000.00 for expenses and the Editor of LAMP \$3000.00. The Board also accepted the resignation of Dr. DeMere from the Board. Dr. Thomas A. Dell was designated to take Dr. DeMere’s unexpired term.

William H. L. Dornette, MD, acting chairman of the ad hoc Committee working on the agreement between the American Board of Legal Medicine and ACLM, reported that on May 9, 1979, four Fellows of the College – Drs. Dornette, Reed, Scott and Zimmerly – met with Drs. Evans, Koerner and Larson at the

Hyatt on Hilton Head, South Carolina. After considerable discussion, the following points were mutually agreed upon: 1) The Board would, as now, remain a separate entity, and would retain the same name; 2) The Certificate of Incorporation would be restated; 3) The Board would be reorganized for the specific function of certifying Diplomates in Legal Medicine; 4) Members of the liaison committee would draft a new constitution and bylaws for the reorganized Board; 5) A nine member Board of Directors would be appointed to govern the activities of the reorganized Board from which four directors would be selected from members of the present American Board of Legal Medicine and five from the membership of the American College of Legal Medicine but who were not affiliated with the present Board; 6) directors of the Board would each serve three year terms and be eligible for reelection to a second three year term; 7) To stagger the terms of office, initially three directors would be appointed for four year terms, three for three year terms, and three for two year terms (Those being appointed to four and three year terms would be eligible for reelection to one additional three year term while those appointed to a two year term would be eligible to serve two additional three year terms); 8) Professionals now holding certificates from the existing Board of Legal Medicine will retain whatever status they now have, no one, however, will be afforded certification by the reorganized Board without first having met the criteria for eligibility and taken and passed the examination; 9) Once the new bylaws are drafted to the agreement of all, the current members of the presently existing Board of Legal Medicine would enact the new bylaws and resign from the old Board, four of them then would be appointed to the reorganized Board.

Later in the year, the Board commissioned Dr. Kittredge to seek a seat in the AMA House of Delegates for ACLM to represent Legal Medicine. The ad hoc Honorary Fellowship and Student Award Committees were made Standing Committees. Future Presidents, Shafeek S. Sanbar and Edward David's applications for membership were approved. The Board also passed a resolution to establish the American Board of Medicine and Law as a new organization apparently the result of the failure of the proposed agreement with the American Board of Legal Medicine.

At Dr. Zimmerly's urging, the American Registry of Legal Medicine was established by the Board at a special meeting on November 8, 1979. Dr. Gregory was appointed as ACLM representative.

1980 – 1981

JAMES G. ZIMMERLY, MD, JD, MPH, LLM, FCLM

Dr. James Zimmerly, as mentioned above, became the editor of the *Journal of Legal Medicine* in 1976 and was deeply involved with establishing how the various publications of the College were to advance. To that end, in the fall of 1980 and early 1981, Dr. Zimmerly successfully negotiated a new publishing contract with Pharmaceutical Communications, Inc. to print JLM and Legal Aspects of Medical Practice (LAMP). The new contract was expected to yield \$4000.00 per year to the College and the LAMP was to be continued as an eight-page publication and retain essentially the same features and departments. Under his leadership, the Board also passed resolutions to continue financing the *Journal of Legal Medicine* and to start charging libraries a subscription fee for the Journal.

The 1980 Annual Meeting was held at the Houston Oaks Hotel in Houston, Texas. The establishment of the American Board of Law and Medicine was announced to the membership. The uneven quality of committee performance was brought to the attention of the membership and many housekeeping changes were made by the membership to the bylaws. The following Officers and Board members were elected: President-Elect: Edgar Reed; Secretary: Lee Goldsmith; Treasurer: Jerry Zaslow; Board Members: Thomas Dell, George Friedman, Lee Goldsmith, and Jerry Zaslow.

The Board meeting discussed recurring problems with the Curriculum Text Book task force whose volume was still unfinished and this led to a discussion of adopting an alternate Curriculum authored by Drs. Pepper and Joling. Drs. Fiscina, Gregory and Dornette were to evaluate the relative merits of the two different texts. Later in the year, the Board approved the articles of incorporation for the American Board of Law and Medicine, with the name changed to the American Board of Law in Medicine. The Board voted to have four Board meetings per year, two at the Annual meeting and two interim meetings. Ted LeBlang was appointed editor of JLM in 1981 and the Newsletter and LAMP were to be combined with Cyril Wecht remaining editor and Dorothy Gregory becoming deputy editor.

1981 – 1982

EDGAR A. REED, MD, JD

Dr. Ed Reed took the helm of the College from the very capable hands of Dr. Jim Zimmerly during the 1981 Annual Meeting in Coronado, California on May 15. When he took office, Dr. Reed indicated that his term would emphasize *education*. As a consequence, he began dialogue with ACCME seeking accreditation of the content of our meetings. Accreditation was granted to the ACLM in September 1981 based in large part on its newly developed “Education Mission Statement,” authored by Dr. Reed, and which outlined ACLM’s plan for future involvement of healthcare practitioners in its ongoing educational development. This also helped set the stage for the ACLM to apply for a seat in the AMA’s House of Delegates.

As mentioned above, the College had successfully negotiated a change of publishers for JLM (and its other publications) and the new editor was Ted LeBlang. The membership was now 620 members and financially the college was solid with nearly \$100,000 in the bank.

Among the issues he addressed during his presidency was the expansion of Board membership to include Associates; requiring a greater participation of Fellows in the activities of the College; modifying the requirements of becoming a “Fellow,” and the location of the 1983 Annual Meeting. The first three remained issues all year, while the last one was quickly resolved with the selection of Kona, Hawaii. There was also concern that our previous publisher was unable to pay royalties due the college, but this was also quickly resolved. It should be noted that during Dr. Reed’s Presidency, he was also the chair of the Board of Trustees of ABLM. During this time, a proposed contract was also finally received from the American Board of Legal Medicine (ABLM), offering to reimburse ACLM for all monies spent, but ACLM was to release all test materials to ABLM and required the dissolution of the American Board of Law in Medicine. The Board moved to ratify the agreement.

The mid-year meeting was held in conjunction with the Military Surgeons Meeting in San Antonio, Texas in 1981.

The contract with McGraw Hill for the Curriculum text had expired and the Pepper-Joling text was found unacceptable. The question of appointing a committee to revise and complete the Curriculum Task Force text was raised but no decision made. The demands of editing LAMP had become a problem and the Board voted to award the LAMP editor up to \$10,000.00 per year to cover expenses.

The 1981 Annual Meeting was held at the Del Coronado Hotel May 15, in Coronado, California. The total membership of ACLM was reported as 640. The Membership conferred Honorary Fellowships on the Honorable Sherman G. Finesilver, United States District Judge for the District of Denver, Colorado and Lieutenant General Paul W. Myers, Surgeon General, United States Air Force. The membership elected the Following Officers and Board Members: President-Elect: Jerry Zaslow; Secretary: Lee Goldsmith; Treasurer: Marshall Segal; Board Members: Leonard Arnold, Robert Galacz, Samuel Rhem, and Richard Scott.

In the Board meetings subsequent to the annual meeting, Dr. Kittredge reported on a successful meeting co-sponsored by ACLM and the American Academy of Neurology in Toronto, Canada. The editor of JLM reported to the Board that it now had 300 paid subscriptions and that it would be listed in *Indicus Medicus* and *Index to Legal Periodicals*. Dr. Reed reported that ACLM had been accredited by ACCME for six years.

The Board then approved the concept of elevating Associate Members to Fellowship but noted that formal adoption of this policy had to await proposed criteria. The Board also voted on several other issues to include giving new members their certificates only upon attendance at an annual meeting, having an Associate in Medicine and Associate in Law added to the Board; named Arnold J. Rosoff as Deputy Editor of JLM; named Dr. Dornette as editor of LAMP; and, approved the application of future President Alan Gibofsky.

1982 – 1983

JERRY ZASLOW, MD, JD, FCLM

Dr. Zaslow fostered the liaison with the Young Lawyers' Division of the American Bar Association in an effort to further expand the role of the College. In October 1982, the first certifying examination of the American Board of Law in Medicine was given in Chicago with more than 70 registrants. Under the leadership of Dr. Zaslow, the College expanded its efforts to co-sponsor or have concurrent meeting and in 1982, a meeting was held with the American College of Surgeons in Chicago, Illinois.

In early 1982 trouble developed with LAMP. It is reported that Dr. Dornette, the Editor, had not supplied enough material to support the publication of LAMP and the Board subsequently accepted Dr. Dornette's resignation. Dr. Harold Hirsh was appointed to assume the editorship of LAMP.

The 1982 Annual Meeting was held at the Boca Raton Hotel and Club in Boca Raton, Florida. The resignations of Drs. Rhem and Bell from the Board were reported to the membership. It was also announced that a subscription to JLM was now \$48.00 per year and that there were a total of 305 paid subscribers in addition to those receiving JLM as a College membership benefit. There were no longer any free subscriptions being offered.

The membership elected the following Officers and Board Members: President-Elect: Arthur Coleman; Secretary: Dorothy Rasinski Gregory; Treasurer: Salvatore F. Fiscina; Board Members: Arthur Coleman, Salvatore Fiscina, Dorothy Rasinski Gregory, Francis Kittredge, S. Sandy Sanbar (To fill Dr. Rhem's two-year term), and Walter Feldman (To fill Dr. Dell's one-year term).

Despite the Board's approval at the mid-year meetings, the membership failed to approve the addition of an Associate in Law and an Associate in Medicine to the Board or to establish a pathway for Associates to assume fellowship. The membership did approve the deletion of the Resolutions committee and approved a new Standing Committee on Policy and Planning. The membership also passed the following resolution introduced by Dr. Gibbs.

“Whereas, the ACLM is the oldest and most prestigious organization in the U.S. devoted to problems at the interface of law and medicine, and, Whereas, its membership consists of outstanding learned professionals in the fields of law, medicine, osteopathy and the allied sciences, and, Whereas, it is essential to the educational mission of the College that there be full participation and contribution by its members, most notably its Fellows, in furtherance of the free flow of information and the valuable exchange of ideas and concepts concerning medical jurisprudence and forensic medicine as they impact upon law, medicine and society, and, Whereas, the success of the annual convocation of the College depends upon the full participation and contribution of the members in bringing these academic pursuits to fruition. Be it therefore resolved, that the Bylaws of the College be amended to reflect the solemn obligation and ongoing responsibility by including the following provisions as a requirement for continued “good standing” as an Active Fellow of the College.

- 1.) Fellows of the College, excluding Emeritus Fellows, Honorary Fellows and Corresponding Fellows, shall attend the Annual Convocation (International Conference on Legal Medicine) at least once every three years.
- 2.) Failure to attend within a consecutive three year period shall automatically result in a change of status from in “good standing” to Fellow “on Probation” without restriction of privileges.
- 3.) Failure to attend one annual meeting in a consecutive five-year period shall automatically result in a suspension of Fellowship status and the privileges appurtenant thereto.”
- 4.) At any time during the period of probation the Fellow may appeal to the Judicial Committee making known the existence of extenuating circumstances which within the sole discretion of the Board of Governor's may cause them to remove the probation or retain it in force and effect.
- 5.) Within one year following the automatic suspension of Fellowship the Judicial Committee shall make a finding and

recommendation to the Board of Governors which shall be made known to the person involved before final action is taken by the Board of Governors prior to the annual meeting.

6.) Any person hitherto fore alluded to whose standing in the College has been affected and who has shown no active interest in or support of the Continuing Medicolegal Education goals of the ACLM after six consecutive years shall have membership as a Fellow (FCLM) revoked by a majority vote of the new Board of Governors at their first meeting following the Annual Business Meeting of the College.

7.) The new Board of Governors Meeting for the first time here in Boca Raton shall, as a priority in the course of business, activate such ways and means most expeditiously permissible under the Bylaws to incorporate these principles into the Bylaws with all deliberate speed. The membership shall be put on notice through the vehicle of the Newsletter that this most significant change in the Policy affecting Fellowship in the ACLM shall take effect commencing with the next or 23rd Annual Convocation of the College in May 1983 at which time the voting membership be allowed to ratify retroactively the action taken here.

At subsequent Board meetings, the ACLM Educational Foundation was established to honor all deceased members who had made a significant contribution to ACLM. Lee Goldsmith was appointed the first chair of the Governing Committee. Dr. Galacz resigned from the Board and Dr. Hirsh was named to take his unexpired term. The Board voted to increase dues to \$190.00 for Fellows, \$115.00 for Associates and \$95.00 for Affiliates. Even though there was a financial crunch, the Board defeated a motion to reduce the number of Board meetings per year or to make Board Members responsible for their own expenses. After much discussion, the Board did decide to compensate Board Members for their transportation costs but not for their other costs. In another unexpected move, the Board agreed to waive the registration fee for members who are faculty or who are presenting at a meeting of the College and to admit members of the Young Lawyer Division of the ABA at member's registration fees. After extensive discussion the Board authorized the employment of a public relations firm to increase College exposure. It also agreed to hold its 1983 mid-year meeting in conjunction with the American Society of Internal Medicine in San Francisco, California.

The Board also agreed to pay Ted LeBlang \$1500.00 quarterly for his work on JLM. The number of paid subscriptions for JLM had now grown to 358. The Board approved the applications of future presidents Marvin Firestone and John Anderson, and committee membership (other than the nominating committee) was opened to the entire membership.

1983 – 1984

ARTHUR H. COLEMAN, MD, JD, FCLM

Dr. Coleman assumed the Presidency in 1983. The mid-year meeting was held in conjunction with the American Society of Internal Medicine and was most successful. A need for public relations prompted the hiring of a PR firm to provide guidance for College activities and a one-year contract was signed for \$500 per month. With this public relations assistance, educational activities and the recruitment of new members was promoted. During the 1983 Annual Meeting, one-day “clinics” were held for physicians and for attorneys. Committee appointments reflected the involvement of this new blood in College activities. The College made preparations for publication of a medicolegal textbook and President Coleman’s proposal for “New Sections for ACLM” was approved by the membership to encourage the involvement of allied health care professionals.

The 1983 Annual Meeting was held at the Kona Surf Hotel, Kona, Hawaii. The membership elected the following Officers and Board Members: President-Elect: Francis Kittredge; Secretary: Dorothy Gregory; Treasurer: Salvatore Fiscina; Board Members: Walter Feldman, George Friedman, Edgar Reed, Peter Rheinstein, and Harvey Wachsman (to fill the one-year term of Dr. Scott).

During the Board meeting at the Annual meeting in Kona, it was revealed that Pharmaceutical Communications had all rights to both the material and title of LAMP but that the JLM remained under ACLM control. The past presidents were honored at the annual meeting and the “President’s Club,” was created. In addition, the past presidents were asked to formulate the ACLM Legal Medicine Foundation to receive funds for education, research, and advancement of legal medicine. The Foundation was incorporated and directed by Dr. Monroe E. Trout and several other past presidents. ACLM’s membership in the American Registry was renewed for another year and Dorothy Gregory remained the representative. The problem of scheduled speakers failing to show up was brought to the Board’s attention again.

It does not appear that the Board met again until January 1984. At the January meeting, it was decided to also meet in San Antonio, Texas in conjunction with the American Society of Internal Medicine. Dr. Goldsmith was also able to set up a meeting in New York in conjunction with the American Trial Lawyer’s Association and the Medical Society of the State of New York. The Board also agreed to Co-sponsor the medical-legal seminars at Moorhouse Medical College in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Sanbar had taken over the task force on Medical Legal Curriculum Material and was supplementing it into an acceptable textbook. The major change in College structure instituted by the Board was the establishment of the Executive Council. The membership of the EC as originally set up consisted of the Officers of the College plus two members of the Board elected by the Board to one-year terms. The Board also decided on renewing the contract with the Public Relations firm and to get public relations help for specific projects.

In other action, the Board chose Balfour Jewelers as the official jewelers of the College and approved the application of future President Daniel B Cullan. The continuing problems with the American Board were reported by Dr. Hirsh. There was discussion that controversy over the ABLM exam could injure ACLM's standing with the AMA. A joint meeting of the two boards was planned and, yet, the two boards appear to be composed entirely of ACLM members.

1984 – 1985

FRANCIS I. KITTREDGE, JR., MD, JD

Educational activities again were the focus of the ACLM and Dr. Kittredge added a new excitement and importance to those activities during his administration. The educational activities included the fall symposium, which was held in San Antonio, Texas in September, co-sponsored by the American Society of Internal Medicine and focused on risk management. Attendance at the mid-year meeting (including faculty) was announced as around 50 people. In October, a conference on malpractice was co-sponsored with the New York and New Jersey Trial Lawyers Chapters. In the same month, the college provided a two-day "mini" medicolegal course at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges in Chicago. The College also co-sponsored a national symposium on the Legal and Ethical Issues Surrounding Organ Transplantation with the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the American Society of Law and Medicine, organized and co-directed by past president Dale Cowan. The Annual Meeting program in New Orleans, Louisiana was distinguished by the inclusion of a mock jury trial, with prominent jurist, the Honorable Sherman Finesilver of Denver, an Honorary Fellow, presiding. The trial was videotaped and segments were subsequently used in part for a PBS special on the Malpractice Crisis.

The first record of a meeting of the Executive Council indicates it took place on May 9, 1984 in Loews Paradise Valley Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona immediately prior to the Board meeting at the annual meeting. The principal matter under discussion involved a suit by another Scottsdale Hotel for breach of contract. Liability insurance coverage was also discussed.

At the following Board meeting, the Board rescinded its order that all certificates must be picked up at the annual meeting and ordered that certificates be mailed out once more. Dr. Sanbar brought up the problem of scheduled speakers canceling at the last minute again.

At the Meeting of the Membership, the following Officers and Board Members were elected: President-Elect: Dorothy Rasinski Gregory; Secretary: S. Sandy Sanbar; Treasurer: Salvator Fiscina; Board Members: John Carlisle, Harold Hirsh, Walter Gunn, and Rhoda Powsner. The membership adopted the following resolution, authored by Dr. Coleman:

NEW SECTIONS FOR ACLM

I. WHEREAS, there is a need to clearly delineate legal medicine, in its purest sense, as a medical specialty and,

II. WHEREAS, those engaged in the field of legal medicine are predominantly physicians who have either a legal education and/or legal experience in that aspect of the law, which impacts upon and/or influences the care and delivery of medical services, but

III. WHEREAS, there are members of the College who have such qualifications as described in part 2, but have chosen to engage in the practice of law as contrasted to working or practicing in the field of medicine and,

IV. WHEREAS, there are non-physician members of the College who have an academic background in the health field, i.e. nurses, dentists, hospital administrators, etc., but have either training and/or experience in the law.

1. Be it resolved, that the College form (a) a Section on Medical and Hospital Law for those members who qualify under part~ III of this resolution and (b) a Section on Law in Health for those members who qualify under part IV of this resolution.

2. Be it also resolved that all programs of the College are open, without restrictions, to any and all members of the College regardless of what Section in which that individual may identify.

3. Be it further resolved that the purpose for the Sections has no bearing on the present qualifications and status of membership, but rather to provide for optional development and advancement of those areas in law, which has an association and correlation with legal medicine.

The Board next met at the mid-year meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The Board authorized the Executive Council to use their judgment in the usage and hiring of a public relations firm. The First Prize Student Awards was raised to \$750.00 with expenses to attend the annual meeting paid. The Board also authorized sending a poster advertising the Awards to each medical and law school. The Board approved the application of future President Jack W. Snyder.

The lawsuit with the Scottsdale Hotel (Registry Hotel) was settled for \$3000.00. The number of paid subscriptions to JLM was now approaching 500. The ACLM Foundation announced it would take on the expense of publishing the Textbook.

The Board next met in January 1985 at the O'Hare Hilton in Chicago, Illinois. At that meeting, Dr. Kittredge announced that in December of 1984, on its third attempt, and with the labors of many members, ACLM had finally been admitted to the AMA House of Delegates representing Legal Medicine as a fully recognized and accredited medical specialty society. These efforts had begun years earlier, as described above, under Carl Wasmuth and Monroe Trout, when the AMA agreed to list the College as a scientific society in their journal (JAMA) and then to give it official standing as a medical specialty society in the directory. Dr. Kittredge had been ACLM's defacto representative at the first House of Delegates meeting the College was eligible to attend. The Board agreed that the first two delegates, Francis Kittredge and Donal O'Sullivan (alternate), should be appointed by the president to a three-year term and guidelines for future selection should be developed by the Board of Governors.

Pharmaceutical Communications, Inc. owners attended the meeting in regard to the expiration of their contract to publish JLM and LAMP. ACLM had asked for 10 percent of gross sales up to \$300,000.00. PCI made a counter offer of \$6000.00 minimum against a percentage of gross sales up to a maximum of 7 percent. A Committee was appointed to continue negotiations with PCI. That committee arranged for a full-blown market search of LAMP by Medical Publisher Enterprises. That survey was disappointing. Although the brief format was praised, only a little over one-third of those surveyed would want to continue receiving LAMP even though there was no cost involved. The Board voted to allocate \$10,000.00 to edit the ACLM Text Book and hired Jan Seifert as the editor. The Board also allocated funds to purchase an Association Professional Liability Policy. In other actions in 1985, the Board approved the applications of future presidents Martin Flamm and Fillmore Buckner; did not renew ACLM's American Registry membership; reasserted its exclusive right to publish papers submitted for student writing awards; approved the appointment of a parliamentarian; decided to move the annual meeting to January or February; moved to terminate the services of Betty Hanna and University Management and Secretarial Services and seek new management.

1985 – 1986

DOROTHY RASINSKI GREGORY, MD, JD, FCLM

Dr. Dorothy Rasinski Gregory became president in 1985 – the only woman to have held that office to date. She completed law school (Cornell) first and practiced tax law before enrolling in medical school (University of Buffalo) at a time when female enrollment in both those professional schools was in the single digits. As noted above, Dorothy joined the American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) in 1974, working on LAMP, editing the newsletter and participating in several committees. In 1978 she chaired the annual meeting, which focused on what legal medicine in 1990 would look like. Some of the topics covered included reverse discrimination in medical school admissions, death with dignity, healthcare accountability, enterprise liability and the role of computers and new technology.

During that program, her husband, Jim, ran the spouses' activities, taking a busload of guests to Golden Gates Field's track for the afternoon races and holding a seminar on how to read the racing form the evening before the excursion. Jim organized a similar event in New Orleans, Louisiana at Jefferson Downs in 1985, the year Dorothy assumed the presidency.

During her presidency, Dorothy introduced the possibility of creating a pathway for Associates-in-law to become Fellows. At that time, only holders of both medical and legal degrees could become Fellows. This idea was referred to the Bylaws Committee and, in 1990, a bylaws change was approved creating such a pathway. During her tenure on the board, Dorothy organized several joint meetings with other medical societies: American Society of Internal Medicine, the Association of American Medical Colleges, and with past-president Marv Firestone, the American Association for Psychiatry and the Law. These were one-day sessions, the day prior to that group's annual meeting, to discuss medical-legal issues of particular relevance to that discipline.

Since leaving the presidency, Dorothy has continued active participation in the College: speaking and moderating at annual meetings, writing book reviews for JLM and working on its editorial board, contributing to early editions of the textbook and participating in several committees. Dorothy and past President Cyril Wecht were the first recipients of the College's Gold Medal award.

As mentioned above, the 1985 Annual Meeting was held in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Royal Sonesta Hotel on May 8. This meeting was the first to have a three-day educational program. The membership elected the following Officers and Board members: President-Elect: Salvatore Fiscina; Secretary: S. Sandy Sanbar; Treasurer: Peter Rheinstein; Board Members: Stewart Reuter, Frank Woodside, Charles Hollen, and Richard Tyler.

The membership approved a resolution proposed by Dr. Hirsh stating that the *American College of Legal Medicine* recommends that physicians not serve as executioners by participating directly or indirectly in carrying out capital punishment. The membership also approved a resolution proposed by ACLM founder Glenn Bricker stating that the American College of Legal Medicine support the immediate implementation of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208 and other regulations and/or legislation which would assure restraint crash protection for the American people; that the American College of Legal Medicine urge all domestic and foreign automobile manufacturers to include automatic air cushions and automatic safety belts in their motor vehicles as a public health measure whether or not they are legislatively mandated; that the American College of Legal Medicine endorse and support legislation or regulations requiring such protective measures; and, that the Delegate of the American College of Legal Medicine to the American Medical Association be instructed to support any resolution that comes before the AMA House of Delegates which embodies the intent of the within resolution.

1986 – 1987

SAL FISCINA, MD, JD

During President Fiscina's term in early 1986, the Board began its search for an Executive Director and new management services in earnest and at the second Board meeting of the year, it was announced that an agreement had been reached with Mr. Teal to provide management services to the College, and in May the Board voted to retain the services of Mr. Doudera as a meeting consultant.

Work continued through the year on the Textbook and a search for a publisher was underway. Eventually, a contract was negotiated with Mosby for the publication of the textbook. Mosby provided a sum of \$10,000.00 to cover the final editing and the Board approved the printing of 10 trial volumes for review of the final product. No agreement had been reached with Pharmaceutical Communications, Inc. and ACLM was preparing for arbitration. Later in the year, Irving Ladimer worked out a contract with PCI and the Board, in a split vote, accepted the proposed contract.

The 1986 Annual Meeting was held at the Westin Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts on May 7. Membership was reported to be at 738 members. A highly successful mid-year meeting held in conjunction with the American Association of Psychiatry and the Law was reported.

The membership awarded Professor Lorne Rozovsky an honorary fellowship and voted to form a Long Range Planning Committee. The following Officers and Board Members were elected: President-Elect: Lee Goldsmith, Treasurer: Peter Rheinstein, Secretary: Walter Feldman, Board Members: S. Sandy Sanbar, Saul Boyarsky, Harvey Wachsman, and Marvin Firestone.

The Board also established a set fee of \$250.00 for the ACLM mailing list. The Board finally was able to renew the College's insurance coverage and Marvin Firestone was appointed as editor of LAMP.

Dr. Fiscina is a graduate of Harvard University, the University of Rochester Medical School, and the George Washington University National Law Center. He is on the part-time faculty of Columbia University Medical School and Georgetown University Law Center. He has been Deputy Chairman of the Department of Legal Medicine at the Armed Forces Institutes of Pathology. He is a former chairperson of the American Board of Legal Medicine. He has authored several medicolegal textbooks including two West Casebooks and *Medical Law for the Attending Physician*, published by Southern Illinois University Press. Dr. Fiscina is the founder of Education in Legal Medicine (ELM), an interactive Internet company that provides a unified online curriculum for clinicolegal education and training of healthcare providers.

1987- 1988

LEE S. GOLDSMITH, MD, LLB

For Dr. Lee Goldsmith the presidency of ACLM came after years of apprenticeship culminating in a year of intense work and opportunity. The apprenticeship included running the educational program in Scottsdale, Arizona in 1977 and taking on the obligations of becoming the founding editor of the *Journal of Legal Medicine* in 1978. In addition, Dr. Goldsmith worked on formulating the initial examination for the then American Board of Law and Medicine, and he was chairman of that Board at the time he was elected president.

At the time he assumed the presidency of ACLM, the ACLM had recently become recognized as an organization by the AMA. Dr. Francis Kittridge (past president) and Dr. Goldsmith held the positions of delegate and alternate delegate, with Dr. Goldsmith serving for 10 years in that capacity.

Dr. Goldsmith's year as president saw enlargement in the scope and number of our educational programs and position papers addressing those issues that should be brought before the AMA. In 1987, the College had a total of 733 members, 401 of whom had degrees in law and medicine and were considered Fellows. Though a small organization, the strength of ACLM's membership allowed it to interact with the AMA, continue and support our publications and make our presence known on both the medical and legal fronts. The textbook being printed by Mosby was tentatively scheduled for release in the fall of 1987 and the ACLM Foundation announced that it was going to publish "Primer on Legal Medicine" for distribution to medical students.

The cover of the July 1987 newsletter contained a picture of Goldsmith's family, which is also seen within the picture collage on the inside covers of this volume. His oldest son is now an epileptologist on the faculty of the University of Florida in Gainesville. His younger son is now an Assistant Prosecutor in Hudson County, New Jersey. His daughter, expecting his first grandchild, is living and working in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dr. Goldsmith continues to practice law as the Senior Partner of Goldsmith, Ctorides and Rodriguez.

In further action by the 1987 Board, under the leadership of Dr. Goldsmith, student memberships were approved; a 1-800 phone number for the College approved; and Irving Ladimer was nominated for an honorary fellowship. During the 1987 annual meeting, held at the Queen Mary Hotel in Long Beach, California, the membership elected the following Officers and Board Members: President-Elect: Harold Hirsh; Secretary: John Carlisle; Treasurer: Peter Rheinstein; Board Members: Dick Lescoe, Walter Feldman, Emidio Bianco, and Donal O'Sullivan.

Following the annual meeting, the Board agreed there should be a routine critique of each meeting and that included ratings for each speaker. The Board also suggested that at future meetings all materials for distribution should be

bound; the College should hold an awards night; Student Awards should be announced; a spousal program should continue; and there should be a formal banquet.

During the subsequent Board meetings in 1987, the Board addressed the uncoordinated and frequently competing programs the College was sponsoring or co-sponsoring, noting that many programs were without true focus and with duplicate faculty. These programs had poor attendance and were a poor use of College resources. Dr. O'Sullivan also introduced the fact that the continued co-sponsorship of marginal meetings was putting the College CME certification in jeopardy. Despite this extended discussion, no action was taken.

1988 – 1989

HAROLD L. HIRSH, MD, JD, FCLM

The 1988 Annual Meeting was held at the Marriott's Harbor Beach resort in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. At the meeting, it was announced ACLM's ACCME accreditation was extended another three years demonstrating the College's education, focus and excellence. The question of the multiple unprofitable meetings was raised from the floor, but countered by the treasurer stating that the Board's consensus was that the losses should be marked up as a publicity charge. The membership elected the following Officers and Board Members: President-Elect: S. Sandy Sanbar; Treasurer: Charles Hollen; Secretary: John Carlisle; Board Members: Stewart Reuter, Richard Tyler, Frank Woodside, James Couch, Arthur Cohen (1 year term to replace Dr. Boyarsky), and Peter Rheinstein (one-year term to replace Dr. Hollen).

The membership also approved two bylaw amendments. The first, creating a standing Membership Committee, and the second, establishing an Associate in Law and Associate in Medicine Board position and providing for staggered terms and election at the meeting of the Fellows. The membership also approved the two AMA resolutions: legalized medical termination of life resolving that the AMA House of Delegates establish a policy of opposing the participation of a physician, voluntarily or involuntarily, in the termination of a patient's life by the administration of any agent or the use of any means to actively terminate a patient's life; and re-examination of the Legal Definition of Death and Criteria for Organ Donation.

In later meetings in 1988, the Board nominated Judge B. Abbott Goldberg and Dr. Jonas Rappaport for Honorary Fellowships; offered Mr. Teal a one-year contract for \$65,000.00; attempted to compile the bylaws changes and resolutions into a current set of bylaws and resolutions; raised the registration fee for the 1989 Annual Meeting to \$325.00 for members and \$345.00 for non-members; approved a new edition of the history of the College marking the 30th anniversary; dissolved the Management Services Committee; approved a co-sponsored meeting with ASLM and the National Institute of Malpractice; approved a meeting co-sponsored by five other organizations in Portland; and endorsed a telephone record log produced by the TeleLog Company.

1989 – 1990

S. SANDY SANBAR, MD, PHD, JD

Dr. Sanbar took office on March 3, 1989. During his administration the College sponsored scientific meetings in Portland, Oregon and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The format of the Directory was revised and expanded. The publication of a new quarterly periodical was approved by the Board of Governors. Through the encouragement and leadership of Dr. Sanbar, and Board of Governors, two past presidents of the College continued to play active roles in college affairs as outlined. Dr. Goldsmith worked diligently as described above to obtain a new publisher for the *Journal of Legal Medicine* (JLM); and Dr. Fiscina, by his company, Education in Legal Medicine, Inc., entered into an educational agreement with the college. Also under Dr. Sanbar, the Board continued to search for a solution to its Executive Director or management problems. In related action, the Board of Governors approved six bylaw additions for presentation to the membership after referral to the Bylaws Committee. Three of these changes pertained to the establishment of three additional classes of membership; Student Associate-in-Medicine; Student Associate-in-Law; and Student Associate-in-Combined Studies, one pertained to the organization of an Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, one pertained to the creation of the position of Executive Director, and one pertains to the duties and responsibilities of the members of the AMA delegation.

At the 1989 Annual Meeting held in March at the Marriott El Rancho Resort, Rancho Mirage, California, reported to have had 230 attendees, the following Officers and Board members were elected: President-Elect: John Carlisle; Treasurer: Richard Tyler; Secretary: Charles Hollen; Board Members: Paul Blaylock, Martin Flamm, Allan Gibofsky, Dan Cullan, Arthur Cohen (2yrs for Frank Woodside), Peter Rheinstein (two years for Richard Tyler), and Member-in-Law Ed Hollowell.

Following the annual meeting, the Board approved the AMA resolutions on Hospitals Providing Inpatient Registry Services, Reporting and Case Follow-up of Positive HIV Patients, and Sunset Mechanism for AMA Policy. The Board continued the discussion of an executive director and the location of the College Headquarters and finally, as mentioned previously, moved to adopt job descriptions for the Director, Public Relations Director, and Executive Secretary. Dr. Sanbar was allocated \$20,000.00 to hire executive help, until a definitive decision could be made. The Board also raised Mr. LeBlang's honorarium as Editor of JLM and Joy Bricker was hired to solicit funds for the college with a goal of \$100,000.00.

During the 1989 meetings, the College adopted Procedures for Review and CME Certification of Educational Programs and materials and a motion was made and passed that Illinois State Medical Society be hired to manage the College and an Executive Director be hired as soon as possible. Dr Tyler resigned as treasurer and Dr. Firestone was selected to replace Dr. Tyler. The total membership was reported as 833 and the Board approved an Honorary Fellowship for Justice Opala.

In Early 1990, the college interviewed two people for the executive director job, Jack Carrow, who would set up a management firm with ACLM as its first Client, and Jay Alexander Gold, an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin.

1990 – 1991

JOHN R. CARLISLE, MD, LLB, FCLM

Dr. Carlisle, a Canadian, studied medicine and later law while continuing to practice medicine. Interestingly, in Canada there were no part time or night law school programs, so for Dr. Carlisle the law program was a full one when combined with his medical practice in rehab medicine.

Dr. Carlisle reports joining the ACLM after law school and that he enjoyed attending the annual and mid year programs. He was very honored to be asked by “College legend” Dr. Dorothy Rasinski Gregory to become a program coordinator and ran programs in a number of annual meetings in Boston, San Diego, Toronto and New Orleans, among others.

In due course, he was very pleased to be asked to join the Board and worked his way up through the offices to president. Dr. Carlisle was mindful that one of the original founders of the College, Dr. Letourneau, was a Canadian, and so felt a special responsibility to try to honor his memory in the College. Dr. Carlisle felt it was a “true honor” being one of the Canadians to hold the office of president.

Times were much harder for the College then than they are now due to the good stewardship of Boards in the recent years. During Dr. Carlisle’s term as President and in his capacity on the Board, the College was constantly on the edge of insolvency and even as his term began, the executive director retired fairly suddenly and most of his term was involved in finding a replacement, and, as it turned out, developing a completely new model to try to get the College on a sound basis.

Dr. Carlisle states, “It was a great experience working with the greats of the College and only they and my successors can tell you if what we accomplished that year helped move the College to where it is now – a much better place indeed. Being president is not only a great honour but also one of those things that it is probably much better to remember than to live. It does give you some great experiences though – at the meeting where I took over the presidency they put me in the presidential suite of the hotel high overlooking the bend in the

Mississippi at the foot of the quarter, a great experience and the only time I ever was or ever will be in the presidential suite. I hope the idea motivates all the great young talent in the College to work hard on its behalf. Who knows what could happen?"

The 1990 Annual Meeting was held in March 1990, at the Orlando World Center in Orlando, Florida. The membership approved bylaws changes clarifying the student membership category; establishing the AMA Delegate criteria; and further defining the executive director. The membership elected the following Officers and Board Members: President-Elect: Charles Hollen; Secretary: Allan Gibofsky; Treasurer: Peter Rheinstein; Board members: Marvin Firestone, Bianco, Col. John Anderson, and Donal O'Sullivan.

During 1990 the Board continued to discuss the Executive Director position and the candidates for that position. The board also instructed the Executive Committee to confer with Engle Firm about management services. The Board also signed a contract with Hemisphere for the publication of JLM. Mr Prividi offered the College \$10,000.00 against next year's revenues for printing Legal Medicine Lessons. (LAMP copyright owned by current publisher.) The Board agreed to review materials and provide CME credit for the American Educational Institute (they had evidently been doing the same for a course Dr. Fiscina had been giving). Dr Blaylock submitted a Turkey manual for future meeting Chairs.

1991 – 1992

CHARLES R. HOLLEN, MD, JD

Dr. Hollen was president of the American College of Legal Medicine from March 1991 until March 1992. This year in the college was one of many changes and significant dealing with financial problems, as described above. The College was facing potential financial disaster and insolvency. Some of its prior meetings had not been profitable and new management changes had led to financial obligations, which were unsustainable and could not continue. As described above, the ACLM management had changed from a group run by Ms. Betty Hanna to Mr. Tom Teal. Then in 1990, management services were changed to the Association Management Center, in Skokie, IL, with Mr. Engel running management for the College. However, this short-lived management group was not appropriate for the College and its services were far too expensive for ACLM's needs or financial resources. In addition, the College had recently taken on the services of an executive director, Dr. Jay Gold, a fellow of the College. Thus, much of the initial efforts of Dr. Hollen's presidency during this year were to work with Dr. Gold to find a management services arrangement, which would suit the College and was affordable. Fortunately, this search was successful.

We were able to work out a favorable contract with the company Executive Director Inc. of Milwaukee, WI, and thus, during this year, we had a quick transition from the short-lived management services of the Association Management Center to the services of Executive Director Inc. EDI was able to serve the college favorably for a number of years. This change enabled us to help stabilize our financial resources so the College could continue to function.

As an additional effort to stabilize the financial situation of the College, we began to focus on the profitability of meetings that we were putting on, and upon an effort to increase significantly the paid membership of the College. Both of these efforts proved successful. First, the two meetings that we held during this year were both very successful meetings as well as profitable meetings. The mid-year meeting entitled "Obstetric and Neonatal Malpractice," was put on in Cincinnati, Ohio, under the Chairmanship of Fellow Frank Woodside. The 32nd Annual Meeting in March of 1992 was held in San Diego, California, at the Hotel Del Coronado. Fellow Sam Cullan was the chairman of this meeting. It was very successful and like the Cincinnati meeting, was well attended and turned a profit. In addition, there was an emphasis on planning additional meetings over the next several years over and above the normal mid-year and annual meetings. There was an emphasis also placed on establishing processes to assure that each meeting was to be profitable before it was carried out and planned.

There were also significant efforts made to increase paid memberships in the College. Jay Gold, the executive director, spearheaded this effort. There was an initiative to get unpaid member names off the rolls and to recruit new members by those who attended our meetings and by searching a number of lists relevant to legal medicine. These efforts toward increasing membership resulted in an increase beginning in 1991 and 1992. Ultimately, this led to a doubling of the number of paid members during the period from 1991 to mid 1994. In addition, during this year of the College's operation, it was decided to make our first effort in submitting an *Amicus Curiae* brief to the Supreme Court of the United States on behalf of the American College of Legal Medicine. Thus, Fellow Miles Zaremski and Fellow Jay Gold prepared and submitted a brief in the case of *Daubert vs. Merrell Dow* that was heard in the October term of 1992.

A comprehensive list of citations and case summaries of the College's participation as an *amicus* party can be found on page 77 of this publication in a section dedicated to the *amicus* committee.

Thus, under the leadership of Dr. Hollen, by the end of his term in March of 1992, the College's management services seemed to be both stabilized and affordable, our meetings were profitable, the membership roles were increasing and the financial picture of the college seemed to be improving.

Along with the management changes which occurred in this time period, some records became part of various disputes and as such, the minutes of the 1991 Annual Meeting were not located, but, it is felt that at least the following Officers and Board members were elected by the membership: President-Elect: Dan Cullan; Secretary: Marvin Firestone; Treasurer: Allan Gibofsky; Board Members: Ed David, Alice Jane Lippner, and Les Iffy.

In the various Board actions for the year, the ACLM granted William S. Hein & Co. reprint rights to JLM Vol 1-10. Legal Medicine Perspectives (LMP) is started with Marvin Firestone as Editor in Chief and Sandy Sanbar as Managing Editor. Glaxo Pharmaceuticals sponsored Legal Lessons' \$38,459.00 deficit for first six months of 1991. The Board moved to raise dues although no amount was specified. The Board awarded itself \$500.00 per Board Meeting and the Board assigned Drs. O'Sullivan, Kittredge and Goldsmith to draft a resolution for consideration by the AMA endorsing legal education and healthcare law as part of the Medical School Curriculum. An ad hoc Committee chaired by Ed David was established to evaluate the performance of the Executive Director. A contract was signed with Medical Telelog. Board members were not required to pay registration fee at the mid-year meeting.

A College retreat was held December 13 – 14 1991, in conjunction with a Board Meeting in Sarasota, Florida. The retreat defined legal medicine as follows:

Legal medicine is a medical specialty that concerns itself with the impact of medicine on the administration of justice and with the relationship of legal matters to the practice of medicine. Practitioners of the specialty have training knowledge and expertise sufficient to address the scope of the specialty from a scholarly, scientific (research) and practical perspective.

The working groups addressed the following: Creating an Image; Creating Membership; Creating Opportunities; Creating Educational Opportunities and at the 1991 Board meeting, Miles Zaremski was named College Counsel and the contract with Hemisphere for publication of JLM renewed for 3 more years.

Medical Legal Lessons was now published by Clinicians Publishing Group (Prividi). The Board rejected granting CME credit for a cruise program organized by Dr. Sanbar but the Board approved co-sponsorship of a meeting with the New York State Bar Association on AIDS and the Law. The Board also voted that their expenses for the Retreat would be covered by the College.

1992 – 1993

DANIEL B. CULLAN, MD, JD, FCLM

In 1992 the Board authorized a planned giving program with Ed Hollowell chairing; authorized Arnold Rosoff's membership status to Fellow; authorized the continued development of Legal Medicine Perspectives (LMP) with Drs Sanbar and Goldsmith to solicit sponsorship; agreed to co-sponsor the SIU Health Law moot court competition.

The 1992 Annual Meeting was held at the Hotel Coronado, San Diego, California, on March 26. The membership approved the following: Revision of section 1.2 of the Bylaws; Revision of sections 1.5, 1.6, & 1.9; and Revision of Section 3.8. The following Officers and Board Members were elected: President-Elect: Marvin Firestone; Secretary: Arthur Cohen; Treasurer: Allan Gibofsky; Board Members: Flamm, Reuter, Blaylock, and Sam Cullan.

Dan's humble origins and great aspirations led to tremendous achievement. Dan, the fifth of twelve children, grew up on a small wheat farm in the sandhills of Western Nebraska. At the age of eleven, Dan mapped out on the inside cover of his social studies textbook, his dream of becoming both a physician and attorney. From the Western Sandhills, Dan's quest for knowledge led him to Creighton University where he obtained both his medical and law degrees. He stayed on at Creighton University Medical Center and was active in its preventative medicine department, while also running a nation-wide law practice.

Professionally, Dan's passion was advocating for children, especially in the courtroom. Every minute of every day, Dan thought about the children he represented, and he worked tirelessly for their cause, as is attested to by his professional success.

Dan's true passion in life was at all times his wife and family. He and Mary Frances, his wife of thirty-six years, have five children. It is well recognized "Imitation is the greatest form of flattery" and one cannot help to notice that of his five children, three are physicians, two of which are also attorneys. His children also have advanced degrees in interior design, philosophy, and film. Dan was very proud of his family, and they continue in his great tradition.

Dan always held the American College of Legal medicine in the highest regard and was very humbled and proud to have served as its president in 1993. He dedicated his life to improving the quality and safety of medicine throughout the United States, and always felt this organization was a great conduit to accomplishing these goals.

With a contribution by Joe Cullan, MD, JD

1993 – 1994

MARVIN FIRESTONE, MD, JD, FCLM

MARVIN FIRESTONE, MD, JD, holds a medical degree from Temple University (1964) and a law degree from the University of Colorado (1980). He is Board Certified in Legal Medicine (1982), Psychiatry (1971) and Forensic Psychiatry (1985). He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences; he is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association; and Distinguished Fellow of the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists. He formerly held the Hirsh Chair at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where he was professor in its Medical and Law Schools and School of Health Services Administration and a member of the Board of Legal Medicine.

A frequent lecturer at national law, psychiatry and legal medicine conferences, Dr. Firestone has authored journal articles in his fields of expertise and chapters in *The Medical Malpractice Survival Handbook*, *Legal Medicine*, *Textbook of Forensic Psychiatry*, and *Head and Neck Injury Handbook*. He was editor-in-chief of LAMP, *Medical Legal Lessons*, editor-in-chief emeritus of *Legal Medicine Questions and Answers*, and on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Legal Medicine*. He is the deputy editor of *Legal Medicine* and *The Medical Malpractice Survival Handbook*.

His primary offices are in the San Francisco Bay area, where he serves as Consultant in Neuropsychiatry to the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit of the Palo Alto V.A. Medical Center (associated with Stanford University School of Medicine) and is lecturer in the Psychiatric Residency Training Programs at Stanford, and UCSF; and on the teaching faculty of the Psychiatric Residency Training Program at San Mateo County (Chope) Hospital. Dr. Firestone provides medical-legal consultation and neuropsychiatric evaluations for the Courts and legal community and serves as expert witness in neuropsychiatry.

Dr. Firestone's legal practice primarily involves representation of physicians in cases involving hospital staff privilege disputes, licensure, medical practice contractual issues, and medical malpractice. He is a certified mediator and a member of the Bar in several state and federal jurisdictions, including California, Colorado, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Claims Court and the Supreme Court of the United States.

During Dr. Firestone's tenure as President, 1993-1994, membership of ACLM was at an all time high. In August 1993 the Board of Governors held a leadership retreat in the San Francisco Bay Area wherein the progress of the College was assessed in terms of its mission and the organizational/communication channels within the College were streamlined. The expanded communication with our membership and the more efficient and more effective membership promotion and recruitment process were felt to be the College's greatest successes during this tenure, which was considered the basis for the significant growth in membership the College experienced. Plans were adopted to liberalize Fellowship awards and eligibility to become President to Non-MD dual-degreed members. The College also made a commitment to include "managed care" as a prime topic for College conferences, journal articles, and as a subject for its Moot Court Competition. As noted above, Medical Legal Perspectives (LMP) was created to replace Legal Aspects of Medical Practice (LAMP).

The mid-year ACLM meeting was held in San Antonio, Texas, in October 1993, which focused on medical-legal aspects of brain impairment. Both the mid-year meeting and the annual meeting, held in Las Vegas, Nevada were successful, with excellent attendance and financial benefits to the College. The membership elected the following Officers and Board member: President-Elect: Allan Gibofsky; Secretary: Ed Hollowell; Treasurer: Art Cohen; Board Members: John Anderson, Fill Buckner, Dan Tennenhouse, and Miles Zaremski. In 1993, the Board elevated Alan Hoffman to Fellow of the College and the membership approved multiple Bylaws changes.

The Executive Director position was eliminated in favor of retaining EDI to lead the day-to-day administration of the College. The College examined the mechanisms and procedures relevant to its governance and management; and streamlined committee structure to create a more cost-effective process by which to proactively respond to medico-legal issues, as well as the concerns of our membership. Dan Cullan, MD, JD (deceased), the immediate past president of ACLM, agreed to establish a continuing endowment to fund the College's Moot Court Competition. As a result of actions by the Board of Governors, the financial position of the College stabilized during Dr. Firestone's tenure as President.

In other actions noted during 1993, the Board heard a report on the status of negotiations with Taylor and Francis for Publication of JLM; appointed Dr. Carlisle to the Judicial Council; approved Judith Gic's plans for organizing a RN section of the College; voted a \$500.00 per year allowance for each Board Member for meeting expenses; and approved Dr. Bricker's plan for dual paper and electronic Directories. As briefly outlined above, on August 6 & 7, 1993, a Board retreat was held at Montero Light House at Half Moon Bay in California. At that retreat, David Bauman stated that EDI could no longer provide management services for the College without significant changes in the organizational structure of the College.

In Executive session, the following management decisions were made: 1) To eliminate the position of Executive Director, 2) To appoint a committee to design a streamlined, simplified and practical organizational structure for College management, 3) Drs. Cullan and Tennenhouse were to meet with David Bauman to discuss a proposed reorganization and reporting structure of the College and that they were to report back to the Board, 4) The College have four Councils: Education, Ways and Means, Membership/Credentials, and Services, all chaired by members (other than the President) of the Executive Committee, 5) The Executive Committee to be headed by the President and all ad hoc Committees would report to one of the four councils, 6) All standing committees, with the exception of the Judicial Council to be replaced, as needed, by ad hoc committees, 7) All Council and Committee Chairs to be recommended by the President and approved by three other members of the Executive Committee, 8) That \$24,000.00 be paid EDI to absorb Executive Director Duties over and above the present contracted amount for 1993 and that a payment schedule for this additional compensation be arranged and that Miles Zaremski would draft an amendment to the contract with EDI to reflect this decision. 9) That the College will hold only a Mid-Year Meeting and an Annual Convocation during 1994-95 unless it is determined by the Board or Executive Committee that the College is able to support additional conferences, 10) "Notes from the President" would be published on a bi-monthly basis and the publication be used as a vehicle for dissemination of information to the membership, 11) A new publication be instituted in a minimum 8-page format and published on a quarterly basis to include current case decisions and relevant medical-legal information. The Editors were to be Jay Gold and Jack Snyder and that the dollars previously allocated to "Communique and News Briefs" be assigned to this new publication to be determined at a later date.

Further, the Board also approved a motion that a document memorializing the relationship between the College and the ACLM Foundation be drafted. A Motion was also passed stating that funds for the Educational Endowment must come from donated funds and not the general operating budget of the College.

1994 – 1995

ALLAN GIBOFSKY, MD, JD, FCLM

The records with regard to the 1994 Annual Meeting are incomplete. However, in 1994 the Board allocated \$1000.00 for data entry in Dr. Bricker's directory; approved a co-committee with the ABLM to consider a certification program in Legal Medicine; named Marvin Firestone to the Judicial Counsel; adopted the mission statement as revised by the Education and Professional Development Committee; passed a motion changing the name of the ACLM Textbook to Legal Medicine and listing the editors on the title page as committee members; approved a bylaws change to allow the use of the designation FCLM only by Fellows in good standing, Emeritus Fellows, and Honorary Fellows; allocated \$14,000.00 over a 4 year period for the establishment of a referral bulletin board; approved a motion that the membership data base be maintained at College Headquarters; endorsed the nomination of Dr. Kittredge to the AMA

nominations committee; endorsed the involvement of ACLM with the American Association of Medical Colleges; and voted to accept the final contract with EDI.

1995 – 1996

ARTHUR J. COHEN, MD, JD, MBA

Dr. Cohen became a College member in 1976 or 1977 and reports it came about by chance. He was completing a Family Practice residency at Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania after returning to the United States from Europe and Canada. In 1976 he had received his Pennsylvania Medical license and while out celebrating, he met an attorney and his girlfriend, a nurse, who had just been admitted to medical school. During the course of our conversation, Dr. Cohen mentioned that he was an Attorney as well as being a Physician. The attorney asked Dr. Cohen if he knew Jerry Zaslow, an MD, JD, who was chief of staff of surgery at Rolling Hills Hospital located just outside of Philadelphia. Dr. Cohen contacted Dr. Zaslow who was about to give a lecture, along with George Friedman, another MD, JD, in Wilmington, Delaware. Dr. Zaslow invited Dr. Cohen to attend the lecture and as a result of that meeting he was accepted as a member and Fellow of the College.

The first meeting Dr. Cohen attended was held at the Hotel Coronado in San Diego, California. While at that meeting, he met many of the original founders and members of the ACLM. It was at that meeting that he met Lee Goldsmith, a past president, and Dr. Goldsmith suggested Dr. Cohen as a candidate for the Board. Dr. Cohen was elected for a one-year term and, ultimately, re-elected to the Board. Eventually Dr. Cohen worked his way through the system until becoming president of the College.

Dr. Cohen reports, “The most remarkable part of being a member of the College was the acceptance of new members by the College. The evolution of the College was not easy over the past 30 plus years. We worked our way through financial, management and membership issues.”

He also writes: “Among the things I most believe to have been accomplished during the period of time I was President were the following:

1. The recognition that we needed to associate ourselves with a professional management team, something we have now achieved with WJ Weiser and Associates.
2. The need for competent and stable financial advisors; a need which has also been accomplished.
3. The need to create a pathway for non-MD, JDs to ascend to Presidency of the College; a need that has been fulfilled.

Dr. Cohen notes that these accomplishments are based just upon his presidency but upon the support of both prior and subsequent Presidents. “The College has a unique role in legal medicine and, hopefully, will continue to do so in the future.”

Dr. Cohen accepted the presidency at the 1995 Annual Meeting. The minutes of this meeting are incomplete; however, it appears the 1995 Annual Meeting was held in Orlando, Florida. Membership adopted John Carlisle’s Code of Ethics for Medical/Legal Practitioners; adopted changes to the Bylaws and “in good standing” to the definition of Fellow in section 1.18 5 of the Bylaws; Established a new section 7.5 5 of the Bylaws Establishing the Honorary Fellowship and Gold Medal Committee. The membership also elected the following Officers and Board Members: President-Elect: Stewart Reuter; Treasurer: Martin Flamm; Secretary: Robert Gans; Board Members: Robert Walzer, Philip Shelton, Dan Shirey, Jay Gold, Louis Dyll (2 year term), Alan Dorian Associate-in-Medicine (2 year term), and Bruce Seidberg (2 year term).

Following the 1995 Annual Meeting, the Board approved \$5000.00 for use of the AMA Delegate; appointed another task force to investigate methods to elevate non MD/JDs to fellowship; announced another board retreat to take place at O’Hare Hilton; named Sandy Sanbar editor of the 4th addition of the Textbook; authorized a reader’s survey concerning Legal Medicine Perspectives; ruled that all ACLM editors must be members in good standing. It was noted that only 41% of the voting membership were members of the AMA and if that ratio stands ACLM will lose its seat in the AMA House of Delegates.

1996 – 1997

STEWART R. REUTER, MD, JD

After graduation from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, a residency in diagnostic radiology, and a fellowship in vascular radiology in Sweden, Dr. Reuter moved through the academic ranks in the radiology departments of several medical schools and became Chair of Radiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas. His main focus

of research during these years was interventional radiology, and he published about a hundred peer-reviewed papers and three monographs in the field. In 1976 he was getting burned out and decided to go to law school, was accepted at the University of San Francisco, and graduated in 1980. Dr. Reuter immediately joined the ACLM, and with mentoring from Dorothy Gregory, moved to the Board of Governors in the late 1980's. These were very contentious years, as the College was suffering both growing pains and financial problems. Dr. Reuter reports that "An occasional Board meeting went on for two days."

Dr. Reuter's presidency came at a time when the ACLM was moving from an "MD – JD club" to a health law educational organization and from a time when College lecturers came from within the "club" to those by health law experts that dominate our meetings today. As such, his efforts as president, as with a group of similarly minded presidents that preceded and followed, were directed toward expanding the base of the College by creating a pathway to Fellowship for all categories of members. During the term his leadership help create Fellowship for DDS – JD's and laid the groundwork to establish the pathway for other members as well. These changes were met with a lot of resistance from Fellows who liked the exclusivity of the club atmosphere, but the positive results were rapidly apparent in the quality of our educational programs.

Also, during his presidency, the board expanded Legal Medicine Perspectives to 12 pages; opted for an intranet web site for the College rather than previously proposed bulletin board; increased the moot court budget to \$4000.00. The 1996 Annual meeting as held at the Las Vegas Hilton. The membership again approved changes to the bylaws and confirmed Dr. Reuter's establishment of a new membership category of Associate-in-Dentistry. The membership elected the following Officers and Board Members: President-Elect: Martin Flamm; Treasurer: John Anderson; Secretary: Robert Gans; Board Members; Fill Buckner, Dan Tennenhouse, Miles Zaremski, Richard Wilbur, Clark Watts (2 years), AMA Delegate: Lee Goldsmith; AMA Alternate: Michael Victor.

Following the Annual meeting, the Board appointed a committee to negotiate a new contract with EDI; adopted "Travel Authorization Guidelines"; approved the JLM editorial board for 1997; ordered the College's email address and college web site be placed on all College Publications; voted to rescind the \$18,000.00 budgeted for advertising in the ABA Journal and direct it to the promotion plan of the membership committee; authorized an abstract session at annual meetings. It was reported that the *Journal of Legal Medicine* was now on Nexus and indexed on Westlaw. It was recommended that the JLM editorial board be rotated.

The Board minutes for the October 26, 1996 meeting appear to be incomplete but the Board did approve a new three-year contract with EDI; established a \$78.00 per year subscription rate for Legal Medicine Perspectives; and pledged continued support for the National Health Law Moot Court Competitions.

1997 – 1998

MARTIN B. FLAMM, MD, JD, FCLM

As President of the American College of Legal Medicine, Dr. Flamm was proud to preside over one of the most successful of its annual meetings and expand the College's core membership significantly. Under his watch, bylaw changes allowed greater participation of dental and non-physician Fellows in leadership opportunities within the College.

This successful annual meeting was held at the Marina Marriott, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in 1997. The membership approved multiple bylaws revisions that among other things established a Retired Status; accept a student in dentistry; and altered the wording of Section 1.4 to allow any person of outstanding reputation to be made an Honorary Fellow. The membership elected the following Officers and Board Members: President-elect: John Anderson; Treasurer: Jack Snyder; Secretary: Ed David; Board Members: Phil Cifarelli, Genifer Chavez, Louis Dyll, and Robert Gans.

Following the 1997 Annual Meeting, Board actions also included the following: Ed Hollowell was appointed to the Judicial Council; a new directory was approved to include alphabetical, geographical and specialty listings; a board retreat to finalize a college strategic plan and its implementation was approved; a form giving permission for presented materials to be put on the College web site was approved; a contract addendum with Taylor & Francis for publication of JLM was approved; Fill Buckner and Ed Richards were named associate editors of Legal Medicine Perspectives; increased the funding for the National Health Law Moot Court to \$5000.00; and voted to reject all non MD, DO or DDS/JDs for fellowship except under the current Bylaws provisions.

1998 – 1999

JOHN A. ANDERSON, MD, JD

In 1998 the Board passed a motion to request EDI to create an addendum to the contract with ACLM, if appropriate language is not already included, that all ACLM documents remain the property of ACLM; and, a motion that any documents transferred by Dr. Glenn Bicker to Dr. Marvin Firestone are to be turned over to ACLM headquarters for purposes of analysis against existing records held in the ACLM office. The board also approved the following revision of the ACLM CME Mission Statement:

The mission of the CME program of the American College of Legal Medicine is to promote the continued professional advancement of its members, as well as non-member physicians, and other interested professionals, through education, research, publications and interdisciplinary and collaborative exchanges of information. The educational programs are designed to improve professional performance of the participants and focus primarily on research, methodologies, techniques, and issues and advances in the field of legal medicine. The educational activities encourage interdisciplinary exchanges of ideas and information and thereby facilitate enhanced services to society and the healing arts and legal profession.

The board also agreed to publish *Notes from the President* online. If satisfactory to the membership it would save the College about \$3000.00.

The 1998 Annual Meeting was held at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 20. The membership approved changes to the bylaws including Section 1.10(a) 1&2 listing the requirements for an associate member of the College to become a Fellow of the College; consolidated sections 5.9 and 5.10 to reflect AMA control of membership in the House of Delegates; approved the creation of a Marketing and Public Relations Committee under section 7.13 of the Bylaws; and strengthened the wording of Section 7.5 determining how Honorary Fellows are chosen.

The membership elected the following Officers and Board Members: President-Elect: Edward David; Treasurer: Jack Snyder; Secretary: Fillmore Buckner; Board Members: Jay Gold (2nd three year term), Phil Shelton (2nd three year term), Daniel Shirey (2nd three year term), Clark Watts (Previous abbreviated term), and Michael Raskin (1 year term to fill Fill Buckner's remaining 1 year term).

The 1998 Mid-Year Board meeting was held at the Adams Mark Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to the meeting, the Executive Committee met with Ms. Cindy Garritzen a representative of the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants to discuss a possible cooperative liaison. In response to this meeting, the Board agreed to the following:

1. Add a track for nurses at the next annual meeting and to invite Pat Constantini, AALNC President to speak at the New Orleans Meeting
2. Purchase the AALNC mailing list to publicize the next meeting;
3. Set up an ACLM booth at the AALNC annual meeting in Reno. (Anderson, Buckner & Gic financed materials with a \$1500.00 contribution and all three paid their own expenses)

The Board approved the following addendum to the ACLM/EDI contract:

Executive Director Inc. (EDI) agrees that all ACLM documents, financial records, membership lists, data and any other matter and documents relating to ACLM business remain the property of ACLM. While under contract, EDI agree to act on behalf of the ACLM Secretary to maintain and archive ACLM records. Further, these records, with the authorization of the ACLM Board of Governors, shall remain available for review and examination at the ACLM offices in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Should either party be released from the contract, above said materials shall be released back to ACLM and records shall be sent to the Current ACLM Secretary within 60 days.

In other actions, the board moved to change the title of the Executive Secretary to Executive Director; approved a Honorary Fellowship for George Annas and Gold Medal Awards to Monroe Trout and Don Harper Mills. It was also announced that ACCME was scheduled to do an on-site College inspection on November 3, 1998. Drs. Anderson, Snyder and/or Cifarelli to were to attend that site inspection.

The Board met again just prior to the 1999 Annual Meeting at the Westin Canal Place in New Orleans, Louisiana. Pat Consantini, AALNC, made a presentation to the Board. She expounded some ways she viewed potential collaborative efforts and specifically requested that a special category of membership be established for the legal nurse consultant. ACLM President, John Anderson, informed the Board that ACLM was facing an organizational and financial crisis.

Membership was stable; expenses to run the organization rising; and our sources of income were limited. ACLM could not continue to operate on a negative budget as it had since 1996. In view of the disinclination of the Board to raise dues EDI made several suggestions. The annual meeting should have no more than six non-member speakers due to the fact that no registration fee was paid, no more than 18 speakers, the Presidents and Executive Committee should pay the registration fee, and the registration fee should be increased by 10%. The Mid-Year meeting should not be longer than 1.5 days with no more than 6 non-member speakers, no more than 12 speakers total, and the past presidents, Board and Executive Committee should pay a meetings material fee to cover the costs of printing. The College governance should take steps to reduce the Board from 20 to 13. The College should reduce *Notes from the President* to a single back to back sheet. The Board voted to eliminate the \$500.00 Board subsidy and accept management's plan. In further actions, the Board voted to have the President, or his designees, negotiate a new contract with EDI.

1999 – 2000

EDWARD DAVID, MD, JD, FCLM

At the 1999 Annual Meeting of the membership, the membership approved changes to several Bylaws sections and elected the following Officers and Board

members: President-Elect: Jack Snyder; Treasurer: Fill Buckner; Secretary: Miles Zaremski; Board Members: Dick Wilbur (2nd 3year term), Michael Raskin, Bryan Liang, Bruce Seidberg, Alan Dorian (Associate in Medicine), and Judith Gic (Associate in Law).

At the Board Meeting immediately following the annual meeting, a representative from Taylor and Francis announced that JLM now has a circulation of about 2000 and is about to be introduced overseas. The Board renewed their sponsorship of the National Health Law Moot court in the amount of \$5000.00; moved to accept in concept a repeating regional meeting using the published Textbook as the syllabus to generate income from the meeting itself and the probable sale of the text; sent to the publications committee a list of possible markets for ACLM publications; appointed Martin Flamm to the Judicial Council; ruled that all registration refunds for annual meetings be handled in accordance to the published refund policies; acknowledged a \$5000.00 bequest from the Estate of Cyrus Bernstein, JD, and moved for the Executive Director to establish an educational trust; instructed Miles Zaremski, ACLM Counsel and newly elected Secretary, to discuss the potential conflict of interest with his firm; referred the matter of adding an Associate in Science to the Board and to the membership and credentials committee; and asked staff to remove the request for SSN and Bar Number from sign in sheets.

An executive retreat was reported to have been held in Seattle, Washington but no official minutes were located.

At an early Board meeting which occurred in March 2000, in San Diego, California the executive director reported the educational foundation was established and that 100% of the Executive Committee and 12 of the Board members had made pledges thereto amounting to \$18000.00. The Treasurer, Dr. Buckner, reported that he had sent out nine Requests for Proposals to association management companies and that five proposals were received. EDI, the present management company decided not to submit a proposal. After review and a due diligence search, the Executive Committee decided to pursue contract negotiations with WJ Weiser & Associates located in Shaumburg, Illinois. The President, Dr. David, appointed a transition team of Anderson, Buckner and Zaremski to help insure a smooth transition of management companies.

2000 – 2001

JACK W. SNYDER, MD, JD, MFS, MPH, PhD, FCLM

Dr. Jack Snyder, MD, JD, MFS, MPH, PhD, FCLM, has 15 years of experience in academia (research, teaching, management, clinical practice), 5 years in industry (clinical laboratories, in vitro diagnostics, drug testing, management), and 5 years in government (biomedical informatics, management). Before coming to Cato Research, he held such positions as Associate Professor at Thomas Jefferson University, Regional Medical Director at SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories, Chief Medical Officer at Dianon Systems, and Associate Director of Public Health Information Services at the National Library of Medicine. In addition, Dr. Snyder is a past president of the American College of Legal Medicine. He has expertise in many diverse areas of business, including project management, policy development, strategic planning, regulatory and safety compliance, intellectual property, and quality control and improvement. He has special interest in hepatotoxicity, cardiotoxicity, and endocrinology, as well as pharmacology, toxicology, pathology, quality assurance, and medical informatics. At Cato Research, Dr. Snyder serves as a managing director of the Washington (Rockville) office, as a leader of pharmacovigilance activities, and as a clinical research physician and scientist. Among other responsibilities, he is involved with the writing and development of medical, technical, and regulatory documents, including protocols, New Drug Applications, safety reports, and development plans.

During Dr. Snyder's tenure as president, ACLM began its transition to WJ Weiser & Associates, as mentioned above, and ACLM created its first website and entry into cyberspace.

During the various Board meetings, Dr. Snyder reported on a meeting he and Ed David had with Dr. Reilly, President of the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics (ASLME) and the Board Instructed Dr. Buckner to communicate with ASLME and inform them we were still interested in equal participation in joint meeting ventures, but that with a new management company chosen, discussions are premature at this time. Also, Ted LeBlang reported that Southern Illinois University School of Law will pay ACLM \$10,000.00 toward the publication of JLM in return for a revised masthead on the Student Commentary Section and the cooperative relationship between SIU and ACLM noted on the general masthead. Legal Medicine Perspectives was increased to 16 pages. The membership elected the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee which included the following: President-Elect: Fill Buckner; Treasurer: Miles Zaremski; Secretary: Phil Cifarelli; Board Members: No new Board Members Proposed (to reduce the size of the Board).

The minutes of the Board meetings also include a report from management indicating the annual meeting had 144 confirmed registrants despite a break-even figure of 227; the approval of Gold Medals for Lee Goldsmith and Sandy Sanbar; decided to buy out the contract with the Omni Netherland Plaza Hotel for \$10,000.00 and cancel the mid-year meeting instead of sustaining a projected \$24,000.00 loss; elected to change the days of the meeting to Friday, Saturday, and ½ day on Sunday; passed a motion recommending the Ethics Committee establish liaisons with other organizational ethics committees, and encouraging meeting chairs to coordinate ethics sessions with the Ethics Committee; and finally sent a resolution of appreciation to Dr. Lawrence Reckles for his work for the College (Dr Reckles was ill with a terminal brain tumor).

Immediately after the 2000 Annual Meeting, the Board named Bryan Liang Deputy Editor of JLM; moved to undertake a collaborative meeting with the Royal Society of Medicine in London; appointed Ed David to the Judicial Council and passed a resolution wishing Ed David better health and thanking him for his Service to ACLM; voted to accept the Student Award Committee's recommendation that no awards be given this year due to their generally poor quality; made Ethics a Standing Committee; and adopted the investment policy as proposed by the Finance Committee.

Later in 2000, the Board changed the accounting method to a cash method rather than the previous accrual method; rotated Drs Mayberger and Rubsamen off the JLM Editorial Board; appointed Ed Richards and Michael Kowalski as LMP associate editors; ratified the decision to publish Medical Legal Lessons in house (a name change will be required since Partners in Medical Communications owns the title); referred the change in Board number to the Bylaws Committee for appropriate bylaws changes; approved a change in web hosts and made the recommended updates in the web site; voted to charge \$25.00 per registrant who wants a CLE certificate; requested details on approving ACLM meetings for CDE credit; approved a joint meeting with ASLME on "Cancer and the Law" with Drs Snyder and Cowan to chair; dropped future planning for a joint meeting with the Royal Society of Medicine. In other 2000 actions, the Board-appointed Ted LeBlang and Bryan Liang to implement the planned, repeatable, regional, Textbook Courses; voted to establish a "Women's Issues" sub-committee with Judith Gic as Chair; and asked management to explore the possibility of a Speaker's Bureau.

2001 – 2002

FILLMORE BUCKNER, MD, JD, FCLM

Dr. Buckner was born to Joseph Jay and Fannie Marylander Buckner, in Tacoma, Washington, November 8, 1926. He attended Tacoma Public Schools and graduated from Stadium High School. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Washington in 1948 and his medical degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine in 1952. He married Chickie Lawson in 1952. His medical training included a rotating Internship, USPHS Hospital, San Francisco, and an OB/GYN Residency and Fellowship, Yale Medical Center. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and Past President of the Seattle Gynecological Society. His academic accolades include being a Clinical Professor Emeritus in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Washington School of Medicine. He is a Member and Chair of the Historical Committee, King County Medical Society, Life Member of the AMA, a Member of the American Association for the History of Medicine. He received his Jurist Doctorate at the University of Puget Sound School of Law (now Seattle University School of Law) in December 1984 and maintained an active practice of Law from 1985-2002 from which he is now retired.

It should be noted that one of the speakers at the 2001 annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia was Eric Holder, JD, Deputy Assistant Attorney General under Clinton, and Reno who began serving as Attorney General in 2009 under President Barack Obama.

Dr. Buckner reports that, “It is hard for me to give myself credit for any accomplishment in my presidency. I felt that my presidency and the two that preceded it built upon the plan established during the presidency of John Anderson. We established a stable and able management service with WJ Weiser & Associates, we brought the College from the verge of bankruptcy to fiscal stability and we re-established a relationship with the AMA, but most important of all we managed with a teamwork spirit and no infighting. In my opinion, the College was reborn by the leadership of my predecessor John Anderson.”

At the 2001 Annual Meeting, the membership elected the following officers and Board Members: President-Elect: Miles J. Zaremski; Treasurer: XXX ; Secretary: Theodore R. LeBlang; Board Members: Gerald S. Besses, Robert W. Buckman, Dale H. Cowan, Sharol A. Lewis, and Richard S. Wilbur. In the various board meetings throughout the year, the Board approved honorary fellowships for Karen Rothenberg, J.D., MPH and Carol Henderson, J.D., approved \$5,000.00 for Moot Court Competition, approved the funding of \$3,500.00 for completion of the website, required that the Board consist of at least 51% M.D., J.D. fellows, approved John Sullivan as Legal Counsel for ACLM, and agreed to show Fellow status on the name badges of all ACLM Fellows at the 2002 annual meeting. The Board also agreed that the Executive Committee would direct the investment of funds based on the quarterly recommendations of the finance committee.

2002 – 2003

MILES J. ZAREMSKI, JD, FCLM

Miles J. Zaremski has been in healthcare law since 1973, earning his Juris Doctor degree that year from Case Western Reserve University School of Law (“Case”). In 1972, he joined the American College of Legal Medicine (“ACLM”) as a student, and has been an active member of the ACLM ever since, now 38 continuous years. With perhaps few exceptions, he is the longest serving-continuous member of the organization. Miles has held various adjunct faculty positions (Case, University of Chicago, Law Division, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, and the Rosalind Franklin School of Health Sciences in North Chicago, Illinois). He is the author of scores of articles, book chapters and two books, and was editor-in-chief of *Medicolegal News*, a publication at the time of the Am. Soc. of Law & Medicine, and the *Forum*, the scholarly publication of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association. He presently sits as an editorial member of *Medicine & Law* in Haifa, Israel too. He also has been the longest serving chair (5 years) of the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Medical Professional Liability. He has lectured throughout the world on medical-legal topics, including a key-note address before the World Congress on Medical Law in Sydney, Australia. He commenced his legal career in healthcare law when the field was in its infancy. He has also been a legal columnist for medical publications, as well as writing for the Huffington Post. Besides his private practice over the course of 38 years, he has been active in health policy issues since the late 1980s, when he was called to advise on patient rights issues. His representations have included the (late) Senator Kennedy, Senator McCain, and various Members of the U.S. House of Representatives who have taken an active role in attempts to redefine and reform our healthcare system.

Miles rose through the ranks of the ACLM, from first becoming an associate-in-law to among the first non MD-JDs to be selected a Fellow in 1991. The period before becoming a Fellow saw turmoil within the ranks of the College, because those who were fellows possessed the MD-JD degree. During the time he was an associate in law and then a Fellow, Miles worked tirelessly, contributing to the first issue of the first volume of the *Journal of Legal Medicine* with his article, "The 'Good Samaritan' Goes To Court-Does The law Protect Him." He has since contributed other works to the journal as well. He has sat as a member of its board of editors for 25 years and continues in this role today. He has spoken and lectured countless number of times at annual and, when they had them, mid-year meetings.

Furthermore, Miles has been the "foundation" for *amicus* briefs filed with several courts on behalf of the College. He has taken the lead on every one of them (15) since the first one in 1992 in the famous case before the U.S. Supreme Court, *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals*. (A complete listing and description of all these cases can be located on page 77 of this publication).

What is significant about Miles in the College is that he was the very first non MD-JD to ever be elected President. He held this office in the 2002-2003 ACLM year. Before that year, he served the College as a member of the board for the maximum number of years allowed at the time, and then, at the nomination of Martin Flamm, MD, JD, was selected to the executive committee in 1999, holding all offices before becoming president. He has also served, *gratis*, as the ACLM's General Counsel. Additionally, Miles has actively served on the College's Textbook Committee for the last two editions (6th and 7th) of its highly successful textbook, *Legal Medicine*.

His year as president is distinguished in two major respects. First, he brought the ACLM to the forefront of the international community in law, medicine, and healthcare. He worked non-stop in contacting every known person or organization outside the United States that had similar interests as the ACLM in order so that there might be established a linkage of cooperation, scholarship and collegiality between the ACLM and these other entities and individuals. Further, it was to the annual meeting over which Miles presided as College president that he personally extended an invitation for scholar, jurist, Israeli armed forces veteran and a founder of the World Congress of Medical Law (WAML), Professor Annon Carmi, to speak. Professor Carmi traveled all the way from Haifa, Israel, and his presence furthered the College's recognition on the "international stage" of law, medicine, and health care. Thereafter, Miles was asked to serve on the board of editors of WAML's journal, *Medicine and Law*, headquartered at the University of Haifa. Additionally, what Miles undertook in his year as president is reflected further by the ACLM gaining more respect and attention from those in overseas' organizations than ever before this period of time. College members regularly receive solicitations to speak and attend WAML meetings, held every other year. Miles, himself, has given presentations in Maastricht, Netherlands, Toulouse, France, and in Sydney, Australia, where

he was a key-note presenter and the guest and visiting faculty member at the law school of MacQuarie University there. He was invited to speak in Beijing, China, and has been invited to moderate a session in Zagreb, Croatia later this year on health care reform – one of his areas of noted expertise. Concomitantly, he was instrumental in having noted pathologist of national and international renown, Dr. Thomas Noguchi of Los Angeles, join the ACLM board. Tom is well known and a leader within WAML too.

Second, it was during Miles' year as president, and with his hands-on involvement and participation that the College participated in the most *amicus* presentations (5) (either as the lead author or joining with others) in any one-year since the *amicus* committee was formed. One case, *State of Oregon v. Ashcroft*, was filed with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. This brief was reprinted in the (University of) *Houston Journal of Health Law and Policy* (Vol. 3, No.2 (Symposium 2003)). The College joined with the American Medical Association in *amicus* briefs in *N.O.W. v. Scheidler* (US Supreme Court), *Exeter Medical Staff v. Exeter Board* (N.H. S. Ct.), and *Cicio v. Vytra Healthcare* (2d Cir. U.S. Ct. of Appeals).

Furthermore, he sat as one of three judges for the final round in the national moot court competition held annually at the Southern Illinois University School of Law in Carbondale, Illinois, co-sponsored by the College. Distinguished College member and Fellow, Ed Hollowell, also invited Miles to speak at his annual conference held at the time at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

At the 2002 Annual Meeting, the membership elected the following officers and Board Members: President-Elect: Philip S. Cifarelli; Treasurer: Theodore R. LeBlang; Secretary: Philip A. Shelton; Board Members: Marshall B. Kapp, Thomas T. Noguchi (medical member), Matthias I. Okoye, and Melvin A. Shiffman.

2003 – 2004

PHILIP S. CIFARELLI, MD, JD, FCLM, FACP, FACG (July 18, 1935 – April 2, 2008)

Dr. Cifarelli was born July 18, 1935 and grew up in New York. He attended medical school at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Dr. Cifarelli voluntarily enlisted in the United States Army in 1966 and served in Vietnam from 1966 through 1967, attaining the rank of Captain and serving as Chief of Medicine at the 67th Evacuation Hospital in QuiNan, Vietnam. He was awarded a Bronze Star and a Letter of Commendation for his service during the war. In 1982 he re-joined the Army, in its reserve unit as a Lieutenant Colonel. Two years later he attained the rank of full Colonel and continued to serve in the U.S. Army Reserves Medical Corps through most of the 1990s.

During that period he was named Chief of Medicine and later Commander of the 349th General Hospital in Los Angeles, a unit called to serve in the Persian Gulf War. He also commanded the 458th MASH Unit and later served as a Consultant to the U.S. Army Surgeon General, obtaining a top secret clearance at the Pentagon. As the millennium arrived, Dr. Cifarelli finally retired from the military.

Through the 1970s and 1980's Dr. Cifarelli served as Chief of Medicine and Chief of Staff at several Orange County hospitals including Good Samaritan Hospital in Anaheim, California. Dr. Cifarelli began teaching clinical medicine at U.C. Irvine Medical School and legal medical subjects at COMP. He ultimately attained the rank of full clinical professor at UCI Medical School and at COMP and held those positions until his death in April 2008.

In the mid 1970's Dr. Cifarelli began attending night school at the Western State College of Law while continuing his busy career as a physician during the day. He passed the bar and began practicing both law and medicine in 1979, becoming one of the first practicing physicians and attorneys in Orange County. He devoted much of his practice to medical-malpractice issues. Dr. Cifarelli took up the cause of representing physicians in legal/ethical issues related to the treatment of patients including the terminally ill. Dr. Cifarelli spent much of the second half of his legal and teaching career on bioethics issues on behalf of terminally ill patients seeking the right to die with dignity. Always driven by a love of education and philosophy, he became actively involved with the American College of Legal Medicine, educating practicing physicians and attorneys about cutting edge issues involving Bio Ethics and the right to death with dignity. He ascended to the rank of President of the American College of Legal Medicine in 2003 and was honored with the organization's Gold Medal for lifetime achievement in March 2008. At COMP Dr. Cifarelli established the school's first Legal Medicine Ethics program in 1978 and taught generations of physicians about the ethical and legal issues doctors face on a daily basis in their care of patients including the terminally ill. Dr. Cifarelli also promoted awareness of these subjects through his active leadership in the American College of Legal Medicine.

At the 2003 Annual Meeting of the membership the following Officers and Board members were elected: President-Elect: Theodore R. LeBlang; Treasurer: Philip A. Shelton; Secretary: Richard S. Wilbur; Board Members: Gary I. Birnbaum and Ila S. Rothschild. In other Board actions during the year, the Board directed that for all future exhibitors and Annual Meeting publications, the following disclaimer will be utilized, "The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) neither sponsors, endorse nor takes a position on any presentation or views expressed by any speaker, poster presentation or products/services exhibited at any conference sponsored by the ACLM," approved the Turnkey Conference Planners Manual, approved the Instructions for Speakers, Instructions for Moderators, authorized John Sullivan (ACLM legal counsel) to prepare a document commencing an agreement with Diversity

Health Initiatives, determined the College will waive the annual meeting fees for non-member speakers who are participating in the program but the non-member speaker will not receive an honorarium, expenses, or a copy of the Syllabus, and will not be permitted to attend additional sessions without paying a meeting registration fee, directed the following statement will appear on future invoice notices: “The ACLM Foundation provides direct financial support to the American College of Legal Medicine in an ongoing effort to help the ACLM accomplish its educational mission. This financial support is used to underwrite the costs of various ACLM educational programs and activities, including the National Health Law Moot Court Competition. Your generosity is greatly appreciated,” approved a request from the *Amicus* Committee to prepare a brief with printing costs of \$1,500.00, and approved \$250.00 to hire the current financial advisor to the College, Mr. Joel Blau of Mediquis.

Melvin Shiffman notes, “Dr. Cifarelli was an enthusiastic speaker and leader. He was loved by all he befriended and never had a harsh word about anyone. Members of his Army Unit referred to him with admiration and respect. The American College of Legal Medicine has lost a dedicated member who had contributed much to the College’s membership and mission.”

Special thanks to a contribution by Melvin A. Shiffman, MD, JD, FCLM

2004 – 2005

THEODORE R. LEBLANG, JD, FCLM

Mr. LeBlang is Emeritus Professor of Law and Medicine at Southern Illinois University (SIU) Schools of Medicine and Law. He previously served as Professor and Chair of the medical school’s Department of Medical Humanities and was a founding Director of the university’s six-year MD – JD Dual Degree Program. A member of the American College of Legal Medicine since 1976, Mr. LeBlang served as president during the 2004 – 2005 year. This was a year in which the College furthered its commitment to excellence in educational programming and publications.

In August of 2004 the ACLM served as a Silver Sponsor of the 15th World Congress on Medical Law in Australia. A delegation of ACLM officers, governors, and members attended the meeting and the College delivered a special presentation to the World Association for Medical Law (WAML), inviting the organization to convene its 2008 World Congress in Chicago. Although WAML voted to hold its 2008 Congress in Beijing, China the College’s presentation was well received and ACLM gained enhanced stature in the international legal medicine community.

In October of 2004, under the leadership of Mr. LeBlang, the College reinstated its practice of holding a mid-year educational conference. Focusing on the topic of “Cancer and the Law” and directed by Dr. Dale Cowan, this meeting featured a program faculty comprised of 36 nationally recognized experts and was able to gather wide industry support.

In November of 2004, the College cosponsored the 13th Annual National Health Law Moot Court Competition at SIU School of Law in Carbondale, Illinois. Twenty-one teams from fifteen law schools competed, and the ACLM was recognized for its continuing involvement in this important national competition. In March of 2005, the 45th Annual Conference of the ACLM was held in San Diego, California, showcasing over 50 nationally and internationally recognized speakers.

In addition to its success with educational meetings, the College’s publications also enjoyed a banner year. *Legal Medicine, Sixth Edition* was released and sales of this popular textbook exceeded expectations. In October of 2004 Mosby (Elsevier) agreed to publish *Legal Medicine, Seventh Edition*, with release scheduled for February of 2007. At the same time, the *Journal of Legal Medicine* was entering its 25th volume. Marshall Kapp was now the journal’s Editor and Mr. LeBlang had been named Editor Emeritus following 22 years as Editor. *Legal Medicine Perspectives* and *Legal Medicine Q & A* also continued to enjoy much success, and in May of 2004, all three of the College’s publications became fully accessible to ACLM members online.

Mr. LeBlang notes, “The 2004 – 2005 year was noteworthy for its strengths in educational programming and publications, as well as scholarship in the field of legal medicine. It was a genuine honor and privilege to serve as the College’s president.”

At the 2004 Annual Meeting of the membership the following Officers were elected: President-Elect: Philip A. Shelton; Treasurer: Richard S. Wilbur; Secretary: Bruce H. Seidberg. In other Board actions during the year, the Board approved a budget line item for the MD/JD Research Project in the amount of \$5,000.00, directed that non-members of ACLM who are speaking on the program will receive \$1,000.00 honoraria, up to \$900.00 in travel expenses (receipts will be required for reimbursement), and complementary meeting registration, ACLM members will not receive an honorarium for speaking, approved sending student members only electronic versions of any publications that are available online to avoid the costs of printing and postage for the hard copies, the position statement on Ethical Conduct of the Expert Witness was approved, approved request for authorization to Wendy Weiser for single signature check signing authority on checks up to \$1,500.00 (any checks over the authorized limit will be sent to the Treasurer for signature) and all checks signed by Wendy Weiser will be sent on a quarterly basis to the Treasurer, approved an expense of \$3,500 for printing associated WAML presentation bound portfolios (mentioned above), agreed to allow ABLM to promote the

Certification Examination through legalmednet and the ACLM website, approved \$4,950.00 for the Moot Court, approved provision of First Time Attendees ribbons and to establish an Ad Hoc Committee for future meetings, and approved Honorary Fellowships to Lori B. Andrews, JD and Fillmore Buckner, MD, JD.

2005 – 2006

PHILIP A. SHELTON, MD, JD, FCLM

Philip Shelton received his MD from New York University – Bellevue College of Medicine and performed his residency in Ophthalmology and Ophthalmic Surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. Aside from his ACLM presidency, Philip Shelton has an extensive work history in Ophthalmology, serving most recently as the Comprehensive Ophthalmologist/Medical Director of St. Luke’s Cataract & Laser Institute. He has academic affiliations with the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and Boston University.

At the 2005 Annual Meeting of the membership the following Officers and Board members were elected: President-Elect: Richard S. Wilbur; Treasurer: Bruce H. Seidberg; Secretary: Michael M. Raskin; Board Members: Thomas R. McLean and Marty Stillman. Marshall B. Kapp continued on the Board as an Ex-Officio member due to his status as the JLM editor. In other Board actions during the year, the Board authorized Dr. Shelton to negotiate a contract with Elsevier for the publication of “Medical Malpractice Survival Handbook,” approved offering a \$1,000.00 honoraria and expenses up to \$1,500.00 for the Sanbar Lecturer, approved financial support for the 2006 Moot Court Competition in the amount of \$4,950.00, and extended an Honorary Fellowship to William Sage, MD, JD.

2006 – 2007

RICHARD S. WILBUR, MD, JD, FCLM

The 2006-2007 year began with a brief BOG organizational meeting chaired by President-Elect Bruce Seidberg at the conclusion of the 2006 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. The Executive Committee held monthly teleconference calls to deal with immediate issues and a Budget Meeting on August 24 at the Weiser ACLM office. On Oct. 14, 2006 the Mid-Year Meeting of the Board of Governors was held in Chicago. The year ended at the 2007 Annual Meeting at the Caribe Royale in Orlando, Florida, March 1 – 4.

The 2007 ACLM Annual Meeting was organized beautifully by Dr Gary Birnbaum. It was to have been held in conjunction with an International Congress on Medical Law (ICML) to be sponsored jointly by the ACLM and the World Association for Medical Law (WAML). Dr Dale Cowan was Chairman of this ICML meeting and began to put together an excellent program, especially while he, Dr Tom Noguchi (WAML Treasurer and ACLM Board Member), and President Wilbur were at the World Congress of Medical Law jointly sponsored by the French and WAML in Toulouse, France during August 2006. Unfortunately, a few weeks after these promising negotiations, the WAML Executive Committee decided to withdraw its support and the international part of the meeting had to be canceled.

However, the scientific program remained excellent and there were several innovations, one of them designed to make ACLM policies uniform was directed at the “Named Lectures” at the annual meetings. The Board voted to make all of the lectures part of the Educational Program suitable for Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credits and subject to the same requirements for disclosing possible conflicts, etc. This change resulted in the Cyril Wecht Lecture being presented as a luncheon meeting instead of the annual banquet as was tradition. The first of this series was a debate between Dr Wecht and Dr Wilbur on the subject of Medical Liability. The annual banquet entertainment was non-educational but highly entertaining – a last minute fill-in magic show by our highly talented ACLM Fellow Dr. Raymond King.

The 2007 Honorary Fellowship recipient was Professor Carl Schneider. The 2007 Gold Medal recipient was ACLM past President Ted LeBlang. The Board voted unanimously in favor of past President Dr. S. Sandy Sanbar receiving the 2007 Board of Governors Award. BOG Member and WAML Treasurer Tom Noguchi received the 2007 President’s Award. It was a successful year from the business point of view. The membership number for 2006 – 2007 at 1,099 members was up from the 2005 – 2006 1,030 members and ACLM had revenue in excess of expenses of \$106,049 for the year.

Among the events during the year was the 16th Biennial World Congress on Medical Law which was held August 7 – 11 in Toulouse, France. It gave the Americans attending a chance to present the United States’ points of view and to learn the many different approaches to similar problems from experts throughout the rest of the world. Among the ACLM leaders attending were current president, Richard S. Wilbur, past Presidents Phillip Shelton and Miles Zaremski, Board of Governors member Dale Cowan, Editor Judith Gic, and ACLM Board of Governors member Tom Noguchi who is WAML Treasurer and Executive Committee Member.

Dr. Wilbur notes, “One of the many pleasant aspects of being ACLM President is the ability to represent ACLM at prestigious meetings.” One such occasion was the Hollowell Health Law Forum, which honors Judicial Council Chairman Ed Hollowell, held yearly at the Brody School of Medicine in East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. Other speakers included Anthea Daniel, president of the American Health Lawyers and Dr. William Plested III, AMA president.

The major initiative for the year was to address a number of management issues. One of the innovations put in place under the leadership of Dr. Wilbur was the principle that instead of having each president plan only for his/her single year, the entire Executive Committee would plan together for at least the next four years including dates, places and themes for annual meetings and, if they were to be held, mid-year meetings. In the past, it was difficult for members to plan ahead for when and where the meetings would be, as well as knowing the topics for a given year. However, this year, with the formation of a Long Range Planning Committee, it became possible for ACLM members to know what is coming in future years and how it will be planned. The previous arrangement of having each president primarily responsible only for the meetings during her/his year’s term of office was replaced by a system in which it is known who will chair future meetings, what their themes will be and where they will be held several years in advance.

Also, with the advent of Long Range planning, ACLM was able to get away from the past system that considered each year’s agenda and budget separately. The planning process was thereby made much smoother. In addition, the Committee began establishing multiyear protocols for ACLM activities. There are now structured guidelines which not only assure continuity of practices, but also ensure that no one will be surprised and discomfited by a sudden change in the rules; for example, deciding which, if any, speakers will be compensated for making a presentation.

In the past, the system of Recognitions and Awards had been left to the pleasure of that year’s president. Dr. Wilbur appointed a Recognition and Awards Ad hoc Committee to establish guidelines to help with year-to-year consistency. The proposed committee guidelines were accepted by the Board of Governors during the mid-year Board meeting. Committee members included the future Presidents of ACLM; Drs. Seidberg, Raskin and Shiffman, and the Honorary Fellow and Gold Medal Awards Committee Chair, Dr Dorothy Gregory. The arrangement for funding “Named Events” was also standardized.

Among the other changes made under the leadership of Dr. Wilbur, were ones by the *Amicus Curiae* Ad Hoc Committee – Dr. Shiffman, Chair. The Board reviewed the recommended guidelines developed to establish uniform guidelines for the processing of requests to the ACLM for its consideration of filing an *Amicus Curiae* brief with a court or other tribunal. The Board of Governors requested that the language be changed to reflect that the Board of Governors be provided an opportunity to approve the brief prior to its submission to the court. In addition the Board agreed that any submitted briefs should be posted on the ACLM website. Also, the Bylaws Committee streamlined the nominating process for officers making it more open to the membership.

At the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Membership the following Officers and Board members were elected: President-Elect: Bruce H. Seidberg; Treasurer: Michael M. Raskin; Secretary: Melvin A. Shiffman; and Board Member: Kent E. Harshbarger. In other Board actions during the year, the Board authorized approved a Women’s Networking Luncheon on the 2007 Program under a generous donation of \$500.00 from Dr. Benjamin and attendees paying a \$25.00 fee to offset remaining costs, approved ACLM entering into an agreement with Zarins Professional Liability Publications for non-dues generated income, voted to disallow allow members from utilizing the ACLM logo, and agreed to amend the bylaws making Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary procedure the parliamentary authority at all meetings of the College.

Dr. Wilbur notes, “A high point for each ACLM President is being a judge of the finals of the ACLM-sponsored Moot Court superbly organized by Gene Basanta at SIU in Carbondale, IL. This year it was on November 11 and again, a well-attended success. The hospitality of Editor Marshall Kapp and the other SIU faculty made it an especially delightful occasion for Betty Lou and for me.”

2007 – 2008

BRUCE H. SEIDBURG, DDS, MScD, JD, FCLM

Dr. Seidburg’s presidential year actually started in 2006 as acting president for several months while President Richard Wilbur recuperated from a medical situation. Dr. Seidburg notes, “Past President Phil Shelton, and those preceding him, helped to make the transition an easy one.” He was immediately confronted with a forthcoming WAML meeting, as mentioned above, and fortunately, Dr. Wilbur was able to return and address those issues allowing Dr. Seidburg to resume the president-elect position and concentrate on what he wanted to project as goals for his term.

ACLM history was made in Orlando, Florida in March 2007 when Dr. Seidburg became the first dentist ascending to the presidency in the 48 years of ACLM existence. He recalls, “My one-year-old grandson, Cody, decided to join me at the podium during my inaugural speech, a surprise to everyone, including my entire family who were in attendance. He was, no doubt, the youngest person to help deliver an inaugural speech.”

Under the leadership of Dr. Seidburg, the traditional committee structure was remodeled, the web site was improved, membership was increased (especially in the dental category) and live entertainment was brought to the annual banquet. Other changes that took place during his administration were increasing the number of seats on the Board of Governors, increasing logo item sales and vendor sponsorship at the annual meeting and meeting with the Chinese delegation of the World Association of Legal Medicine. The mid-year meeting about *Medical Imaging and the Law* was chaired by Dr. Michael Raskin and was one of the most successful mid-year meetings for ACLM. CNN contacted us for our available commentaries about forensic cases for the Nancy Grace Show, and Dr. Kent Harshbarger represented ACLM while Dr. Cyril Wecht appeared on the Larry King Show for similar reasons. Dr. Victoria Green and Past President John Anderson presented an organizational strategic plan to help ACLM plan more efficiently for the future. Kent also improved our four student writing competitions and we had more submissions than ever before. Mr. Alan Hoffman, once again sponsored the Bio-Ethics award.

The American Board of Medical Malpractice (ABMM) was approved for members who possess a scientific degree but are not MD/JD's. The intent was to acknowledge their credentials in legal medicine and for recruitment and retention purposes; the ABMM was placed under the auspices of the ABLM and its Chair, Dr. Sandy Sanbar, who also improved the recognition of ABLM. Courses were designed for the benefit of ACLM-ABLM and the Foundation, including a course at sea. The Foundation, under its President, Dr. Bob Buckman, turned the corner by reorganizing and reaching out for contributions from additional sources so our educational projects could continue uninterrupted. The Foundation continued to sponsor the annual Moot Court Competition at Southern Illinois University. The publications, under the chair of Mr. Marshall Kapp, remained strong as premier legal references for the professions. Mr. Kapp served as the editor of *JLM*, Ms. Judith Gic, the editor of *Legal Q&A*, and Dr. Christopher White, the editor of *Legal Medicine Perspectives*. Dr. Sandy Sanbar continued his leadership collecting over 80 additional college co-authors for our main text book, *Legal Medicine*. Dr. Darren Mareiniss chaired the successful *Standards of Excellence in Legal Medicine* Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Seidberg recalls, "The Moot Court was one of the two major highlights of my administration, as it is of most presidents. There is a certain thrill of sharing the judicial bench with a federal and a circuit judge. The teams of students were outstanding and it is comforting to know that we will have good replacements in our professions." For the first time in ACLM history, the College sponsored a "*Legal Aspects of Dentistry*" conference in conjunction with the annual meeting. Its success was measured from the participants' evaluations on which there were overwhelmingly requests for a repeat at future meetings.

Dr. Seidberg relates that he had the pleasure of presenting the highest achievement award of ACLM to two role models and past presidents, Drs. Phil

Ciffarelli and Marvin Firestone. He notes that both unselfishly gave of their time and expertise of leadership enthusiastically for many years. Dr. Seidberg also relates that he had the privilege to present a special President's Distinguished Service Award to an individual who went beyond the call of duty working towards the goals of ACLM during the administrative year – Dr. Robert Buckman. It was only the second time the award was presented for that specific achievement.

Dr. Seidberg mentions further, “My year could not have been as successful as it was without the dedicated individuals of the Board of Governors who gave freely of their time to provide governance to this eclectic organization. I consider my term as president of ACLM, 2007 through 2008 as one of the most enjoyable events of my life, and an easy one to navigate through. ACLM stands for “A” the all inclusive health related educational organization that has “C” for collegiality as a foundation and intersects with “L” the legal aspects of “M” the medical and health related issues for all health related professionals interested in the law.”

At the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Membership the following Officers and Board members were elected: President-Elect: Michael M. Raskin; Treasurer: Melvin A. Shiffman; Secretary: Dale H. Cowan; Board Members: W. Eugene Basanta, Francois M. Blaudeau, Victoria L. Green, and Robert W. Buckman (Ex-Officio as President of the ACLM Foundation). In other Board actions during the year, the Board authorized \$1,500.00 for new membership brochures, charged the Bylaws Committee to develop appropriate language for the addition of new members to the Board, approved annual membership cards for members when they pay their dues beginning with the 2008 dues cycle, approved an endowment policy, approved a Copyright Infringement Policy, extended an Honorary Fellowship to Arthur Caplan, approved going forward with an agreement between Collexis and ACLM, and decided to purchase the mailing list from AAFP at the cost of \$1,800.00.

2008 – 2009

MICHAEL M. RASKIN, MD, JD, MS, MPH, MA, MBA

Dr. Raskin is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Medicine, School of Law, and School of Public Health. His internship was in Internal Medicine on the Harvard Medical Service at Boston City Hospital where he was a Clinical Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He completed his residency in Diagnostic Radiology and fellowship in Nuclear Medicine at Mt. Sinai Hospital. He then was on the faculty at the University of Miami School of Medicine as an Assistant Professor of Radiology before leaving to go into private practice. Dr. Raskin is a Clinical Associate Professor of Radiology at the University of Miami School of Medicine and practices medicine as a Neuroradiologist at the University Medical Center in Tamarac, Florida.

He is dually credentialed in both medicine and law and is a member of the Florida Bar, the District of Columbia Bar, and serves as Internal Legal Counsel to the Florida Radiological Society. Dr. Raskin is Board Certified in Nuclear Medicine, Diagnostic Radiology, Neuroradiology, and Legal Medicine. He is licensed to practice medicine in both Florida and California. Dr. Raskin is a Fellow of the American College of Radiology, American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, American College of Nuclear Medicine, American College of Nuclear Physicians, American College of Physician Executives, and American College of Legal Medicine, as well as a Senior Member of the American Society of Neuroradiology. He also holds a Master of Science (MS) in Sociology from Nova University as well as a Master of Arts in Diplomacy and Military Sciences. Additionally, he was past president of the Florida Radiological Society and recipient of the Gold Medal for Outstanding Achievement. He is an elected member of the Council Steering Committee, the governing board of the American College of Radiology and presently is Chair of its Bylaws Committee.

Dr. Raskin is author of over 45 peer-reviewed articles in medical journals, 20 chapters in various medical textbooks, and author of two monographs. He has written chapters for the ACLM textbook of *Legal Medicine* and the *Medical Malpractice Survival Handbook*. In addition, he has presented over 75 papers at national and international meetings. He was Chair of the ACLM Membership Committee from 2000 to 2005 and Program Chair of the 2006 Annual meeting and 2007 Mid-Year Meeting. Dr. Raskin is the immediate Past President of the ACLM and has been a Member of the Board of Governors of the ACLM since 1998.

At the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Membership the following Officers and Board members were elected: President-Elect: Melvin A. Shiffman; Treasurer: Dale H. Cowan; Secretary: Gary I. Birnbaum; Board Members: Vicky A. Trompler and S. Sandy Sanbar (Ex-Officio as Chairman of the ABLM). In September 2008 it was reported that there were 1120 members but that expenses had exceeded revenue by \$28,277 and the mid-year meeting was expected to lose approximately \$58,000. Due to this negative financial picture, the Board elected to discontinue mid-year educational conferences unless private funding was prearranged before developing the course. In other Board actions during the year, the Board authorized “going green” with the *Q&A* publication to be published only in an online form starting in 2009. The endowment amount for a repeating invited guest lecture or a “named lecture” was set at greater than or equal to \$45,000, approved having the back issues of JLM digitized so the content can be made available for sale and ensure long term access to the content, and Darren P. Mareiniss was selected to receive the 2009 Board of Governors award.

2009 - 2010

MELVIN A. SHIFFMAN, MD, MD, FCLM

At the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Membership, the following Officers and Board members were elected: President-Elect: Dale H. Cowan; Treasurer: Gary I. Birnbaum; Secretary: Kent E. Harshbarger; Board Members: Leon Aussprung III, James R. Hubler, Frederick Levy, Darren P. Mareiniss, Thomas J. Smith, and Christopher White.

In the early part of 2009 and under Dr. Shiffman's term, the relevant operational highlights included an agreement that ACLM will co-sponsor ABLM for CME accreditation, it was reported that Elsevier will not publish new editions of *Legal Medicine* and the *Medical Malpractice Survival Handbook*, an *Amicus* Brief was approved with a budget of \$2900 (See the later section highlighting the various *Amicus* Briefs the College has submitted), and ACLM became an "Official Affiliate Organization of the World Association of Medical Law."

See Prologue for Dr. Shiffman's personal comments

<i>Gold Medal Award Winners</i>

2009	Marshall B. Kapp
2008	Philip S. Cifarelli Marvin H. Firestone
2007	Theodore LeBlang
2006	Eugene Basanta
2005	Fillmore Buckner
2004	Arnold "Skip" Rosoff Sal Fiscina
2003	Peter Rheinstein
2002	Richard Gibbs (posthumous)
2001	Ed Hollowell Richard Tyler
2000	Sandy Sanbar Lee Goldsmith
1999	no medal awarded
1998	Don Harper Mills Monroe Trout
1997	James Zimmerly Harold Hirsh
1996	Cyril Wecht Dorothy Rasinski Gregory

***The ACLM's Participation in Legal Cases as an Amicus Party:
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I. INTRODUCTION

A noteworthy achievement on the occasion of the College's 50th anniversary since it formally came into being is the work of its *Amicus* Committee, notably under the guidance, direction and leadership of Miles Zaremski, JD, FCLM, one of the College's past presidents and the longest, active non MD – JD member of the College to date. In the **fifteen** cases in which the College has participated* ever since choosing to participate in its first one **eighteen** years ago, Miles has been the lead author in all of its *amicus* briefs. Of interest is that during Miles' year as president, the College participated as an *amicus* party in five cases. Over the years, others have assisted and worked with him, particularly Ila Rothschild; those within the College who have also done so have included Jay Gold, Maxwell Mehlman, Darren Mareiniss, Gary Birnbaum, and Bruce Brightwell.

The College's most recent effort, in the case of *Baxter v. State of Montana*, decided on December 31, 2009 by the Supreme Court of Montana, was of particular note. The Honorable Justice James C. Nelson, in his special concurrence, referenced an original thought put forth in the College's brief. Paragraph 15 of Section III, below, refers to this.

* There was a sixteenth case in which the College prepared and drafted a brief (other than by Miles), this one in 2009 before the 9th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals. However, due to technical reasons, the College requested that it be withdrawn. The court allowed this request.

II. CITATIONS

While brief descriptions of each case in which the College has participated are described below in Section III, the names of the cases, their legal citations and then the Westlaw (computerized legal research database) location for each of the College's briefs, or the brief in which it joined, are listed, below.

1. *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993); 1993 WL 13006290.

2/3. *Dennis Vacco v. Timothy Quill, and State of Washington v. Harold Glucksberg*, 521 U.S. 793 (1997); 1996 WL 668827.

4. *Pegram v. Herdrich*, 530 U.S. 211 (2000); 1999 WL 33589274.

5. *Fenton v. UniHealth*, 120 S. Ct. 286 (1999) (motion for leave to file *amicus* brief in support of petition for *certiorari* granted; brief filed); 1999 WL 33639463.

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6. ***Moran v. Rush Prudential HMO***, 230 F.3d 959 (7th Cir. 2000); brief filed in collaboration with the AMA, supporting Plaintiff-Appellant, 10-15-99 (no citation to brief available).
7. ***Exeter Medical Staff v. Board of Trustees***, 148 N.H. 492 (N.H. S. Ct. (2002)); (joined with the AMA & N.H. Med. Soc., 2001WL 36109234).
8. ***Oregon v. Ashcroft***, 368 F.3d 1118 (9th Cir. 2004); 2002 WL 32290872.
9. ***Kentucky Association of Health Plans v. Janie Miller, Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Insurance***, 538 U.S. 329 (2003); 2002 WL 31455503.
10. ***Cicio v. Vytra Healthcare***, 321 F.3d 83 (2d Cir. 2003), 385 F.3d 156 (2d Cir. 2004); (joined with AMA & Med. Soc. of the State of N.Y., 2002 WL 32360537).
11. ***Scheidler v. National Organization for Women, Inc./Operation Rescue v. National Association for Women***, 537 U.S. 393 (2003) (Dkt. Nos. 01-1118, 01-1119) (joined in with AMA, ACOG, Ca. Med. Assoc., Am. Soc. Reproductive Med., Ill. St. Med. Soc.) (Westlaw citation to brief unavailable).
- 12/13. ***Aetna Health Inc. v. Davila, Cigna Healthcare of Texas, Inc. v. Calad***, 542 U.S. 200 (2004); 2004 WL 177023.
14. ***Alberto Gonzales, Attorney General, v. State of Oregon***, 546 U.S. 243 (2006); 2005 WL 1687165.
15. ***Robert Baxter v. State of Montana***, – P.3d –, 2009 WL 5155363, 2009 MT. 449; 2008 WL6484893.

III. CASE SUMMARIES (in order by year)

1. Daubert

This case has become the progeny for determining the standards and qualifications to be used for the proffer of expert testimony in a federal courthouse. It has since been codified within the federal rules of evidence. Many states have similarly followed the dictates of the Supreme Court in this opinion. In its brief, the ACLM asked the nation's highest court to assume greater responsibility in defining an evidentiary threshold in order to ensure comparable treatment in evaluating the foundation of an expert's scientific testimony, no matter which court is applying the federal rules of evidence. The College urged the court to adopt certain criteria as a threshold, or floor, of reliability to determine the trustworthiness of the foundation of an expert's testimony.

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2/3. Quill and Glucksberg

These two consolidated cases (one from the 9th Circuit and the other from the 2d Circuit) presented the Supreme Court with the issue of whether the United States Constitution permitted within the scope of due process or equal protection a competent, though terminally ill patient's request to be aided in dying. The court, in a unanimous decision, said no to both theories, but suggested it should be up to the "laboratory of the states" to determine how such wishes can be recognized and carried out. The College advocated that a mentally competent adult in the end stages of a terminal disease owns the right to control end-of-life medical decisions. Concomitantly, the ACLM recognized that the state and society have a legitimate and compelling interest in ensuring that the right to control end-of-life treatment decisions is not abused by patients, their physicians and families, or interested third parties. To this end, strict protocols need to be established that all concerned must follow. Of particular note is that within its brief, and perhaps for the first time that any organization said it publicly in a brief, decisions at the end of life by a competent, though terminally ill person should not be cast with the nomenclature inclusive of "suicide," "assisted suicide" or "physician-assisted suicide." (The College carried these ideas forth when it filed its brief in *Baxter v. State of Montana*, Section III, para. 15, *infra*.)

4. Pegram

This case focused upon whether or not the federal law, ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act), covers certain parties, like a managed care plan or individual physicians, as fiduciaries, thus pre-empting them from state liability laws for professional negligence. More specifically, the issue addressed by the College was whether or not ERISA fiduciaries, *i.e.*, whether or not they had or exercised any discretionary authority, control or had responsibility in the management or administration of the subject health care plan. Another issue addressed by the College was whether financial incentives offered private medical practitioners by a health care plan infringed upon the doctor-patient relationship, to the extent that the treating doctor must respond more to the mandates of the plan than to what the patient properly required. The court spoke about pure treatment decisions, eligibility decisions, and then "mixed eligibility and treatment decisions," the former and latter of which would place them outside of ERISA's preemptive reach.

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5. *Fenton*

The College filed a motion for leave to file an attached *amicus* brief in this case before the USSCt. It was joined in the brief by the American Academy of Emergency Medicine, and the American Academy of Emergency Medicine, California Chapter. This was a brief in support of a petition to grant certiorari by the Supreme Court. The issue pertained to overturning a decision by the California Supreme Court that erroneously interpreted and misapplied the federal Social Security Act's stated criteria for the reassignment of Medicare payments. The petition was denied.

6. *Moran*

This case, decided by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals pertained to a plan participant in a medical benefits plan who brought an action in state court against an HMO seeking reimbursement for certain care, after the HMO denied the claim. The trial court granted summary judgment for the HMO on the grounds that ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act) preempted the claim. The appellate court reversed, asserting that ERISA did not preempt the claim. Thereafter, there was a request for *en banc* hearing; that request was denied. The case was appealed to the USSCt, which affirmed the Seventh Circuit's decision (*see* 536 U.S. 355 (2002)) (Illinois statute requiring HMOs to provide independent review of disputes between primary care physician and HMO, and to cover services deemed medically necessary by independent reviewer, regulated insurance within meaning of ERISA preemption provision's saving clause, did not conflict with ERISA's civil enforcement scheme, and thus was not in conflict with ERISA by impermissibly depriving HMOs of deferential standard of review of benefits determinations).

7. *Exeter Medical Staff*

The College joined in the *amicus* brief filed in this case before the New Hampshire Supreme Court by the AMA. The principle issue addressed in this *amicus* filing was whether or not a medical staff should be recognized as a legal entity with the right to sue to ensure its right to self-governance or enforce its bylaws. As claimed in the brief, by not being able to be a recognizable legal entity, a medical staff could not preserve the quality of care offered by it within a structural setting, like a hospital.

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8. *Oregon v. Ashcroft* (9th Circuit)

This case was an appeal of a federal district court case, finding that the U.S. Attorney General exceeded his authority when providing an interpretation of the (federal) Controlled Substances Act (CSA) that would have prohibited physicians from prescribing controlled substances to facilitate patients who are competent though terminally ill from being aided in dying. Specifically, the Attorney General issued a directive, telling the DEA to revoke permission for physicians to prescribe controlled substances if they complied with the Oregon Death With Dignity Act because physician aid-in-dying (characterized as assisted suicide) was not a “legitimate medical purpose” and thus the use of controlled substances for this purpose violated the CSA.

The College addressed in its brief the parameters of a legitimate medical purpose. The appellate court affirmed the district court holding. *N.B.* The government then appealed the 9th Circuit’s decision to the Supreme Court, a case in which the College also participated as an *amicus* party. *See* Section III, para. 14, *infra*).

9. *Kentucky Health Plans*

This case pertained as well to ERISA, but this time to whether the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s Any Willing Provider Statute (AWP) was preempted by ERISA if it does not relate to employee benefit plans or, is it saved from preemption because it regulates the business of insurance by regulating the practice of medicine. The AWP statute was intended to promote continuity of patient care and to regulate the practice of medicine, as advocated by the College in its brief. As such, the federal ERISA law should not pre-empt Kentucky’s AWP because it (AWP) does not “relate to” an employee benefit plan.

10. *Cicio*

The College adopted the *amicus* brief filed by the AMA in this 2d Circuit federal court of appeals case. The issue addressed principally was whether the decisions made pertained to patient care, or included decisions that would then allow ERISA to preempt traditional New York state law remedies. To uphold the lower court would also violate the dictates of the U.S. Supreme Court in its *Pegram* decision, summarized above in para. 4. The *Cicio* case resulted in two opinions from the 2d Circuit, one before, and then after, rulings from the Supreme Court. It is thus best to consult both 2d circuit opinions in this matter.

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11. *Scheidler*

Joining with the AMA once more, together with other national medical organizations, the ACLM supported patients' right of access to medical care. It opposed violence and all acts of intimidation directed against physicians and other health care providers and their families. It further opposed violence directed against medical facilities, including abortion clinics and family planning centers, as an infringement of individuals' right of access to the services of such centers. In this particular case, the ACLM joined the other *amici* in support of respondents where petitioners (individuals and organizations) systematically employed criminal tactics to hinder or prevent medical practitioners from carrying on their professional work, here, terminating pregnancies and providing reproductive counseling.

12/13. *Davila and Calad*

In these two consolidated cases from the 5th Circuit federal court of appeals, the Supreme Court was faced with the issue of ERISA's preemption of traditional state law remedies for professional medical negligence. The College characterized the issue in its brief as, whether ERISA is intended to preempt remedial relief provided by state law when an HMO entity, acting through one or more of those in its employ or on its behalf, denies on a prospective basis a request for care and treatment as not medically necessary where the denial results from medical decision-making based upon the exercise of discretionary judgment. The College asked the court to affirm the decisions below, and by doing so, incorporate within the fabric of federal jurisprudence a recognition that managed care entities, *i.e.*, those entities that provide or administer care through ERISA health plans, do, indeed, make medical decisions made prospectively based on discretionary judgment – as do other healthcare providers – for which these entities are held as accountable as all others who make medical decisions as to what care and treatment a patient should receive. In doing so, the court would pronounce that remedial relief for such accountability remains venued in state and territorial forums, rather than in federal jurisdictions due to the constructs of ERISA. The Supreme Court reversed the 5th Circuit and did not follow the approach suggested by the ACLM.

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14. *Gonzales v. State of Oregon* (USSCt.)

This case results from an appeal from the 9th Circuit. In its *amicus* brief filed in this case, it similarly advocated as it did to the 9th Circuit (*see* para. 8, *supra*). Specifically, the College advocated that the Attorney General’s attempt to define “legitimate medical purpose” constituted a unilateral, uninformed, and politically motivated action. The Attorney General did not have the authority under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) to make such a determination. This determination is left to the states and the Secretary of HHS, informed by medical expertise. The Attorney General also failed to properly evaluate physician-assisted suicide under the “public interest” standard of the CSA, and failed to give due deference to input from the Oregon State Medical Board in assessing the five factors under this public interest standard (of the CSA). The Supreme Court affirmed the 9th Circuit decision, and, in some measure, concurred with points proffered by the College in its brief.

15. *Baxter*

In its latest brief, this time before the Montana Supreme Court, the College – as it did in the *Quill* and *Glucksberg* cases (*see* para. 2/3, *supra*) – advanced the proposition that those persons who are mentally competent, though terminally ill, have the right to be aided in their death provided that protocols are followed and that the use of palliative care remain an option for such individuals. (This follows the 2008 resolution drafted by Miles and adopted by the College). The College again asserted that the nomenclature in describing end-of-life decision making as occurred in this case does not include the words, “suicide” or “assisted-suicide” or even “physician-assisted suicide.”

The lower court in Montana held that a Montana citizen has a right to be so aided under the dignity and privacy clauses of the Montana State Constitution. The Montana Supreme Court affirmed, not on constitutional grounds, but rather on statutory ones. However, what is more significant, and thus pleasing, for the College is that Justice Nelson in his special concurrence addressed nomenclature to be used by those who are competent though terminally ill. For the first time, a high court has concurred (with the College) that what is at issue here is not a suicide, or even an assisted suicide. Equally satisfying is that Justice Nelson reiterated a thought put forth in the College’s brief that neither any party nor any of the 21 *amicus* parties references or even confronted.

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The College wrote the following: “In furtherance of having this Court consider eliminating what occurs from the facts here as a suicide (and therefore a physician who assists with a suicide) are thoughts of a soldier in a war zone who throws his body on an explosive...while this will cause death, we never view it as a suicide, though it is an intentional act surely to end life and fits the dictionary definition of ‘suicide.’ Instead we may view that individual as a hero...cast in another light, **would this court want the Montana Constitution to cast a blind eye by failing to say it is no less dignified to be aided in dying under the circumstances described here than for a soldier sacrificing his life for others...?** We surely think not.” (Emphasis in original.)

Justice Nelson then penned, “Importantly, and as reflected in the briefing in this case, society judges and typically, but selectively, deprecates individuals who commit ‘suicide.’ On one hand, the individual who throws his body over a grenade to save his fellow soldiers is judged a hero, not a person who committed ‘suicide.’” 2009 WL 5155363, para. 70. He also said, at para. 71 of the opinion, “The patients and the class of people they represent do **not** seek to commit ‘suicide.’” (Emphasis added.)

As an aside, the College’s brief drew the attention of a national reporter, writing an article on the case for a medical newspaper, to be published by Elsevier shortly. The part of interest was where the brief states, “Concomitantly, as human thought advances over time, our views of issues once held sacrosanct change. This is part of the human condition and ingrained within the fabric of social transition.” Indeed, the College has been on the leading edge of this area of medical legal thought, starting with the *Quill* and *Glucksberg* cases nearly fifteen years ago and continuing now with *Baxter*.

Moot Court Summary by Eugene Basanta

In the spring of 1992, Professor W. Eugene Basanta of the Southern Illinois University School of Law and Professor Theodore R. Leblang, Legal Counsel at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, approached Dr. Jay Gold, executive director of the American College of Legal Medicine, with an idea – that the SIU Schools of Law and Medicine should partner with ACLM to sponsor the 1992 – 1993 National Health Law Moot Court Competition. At the time, this competition did not have a permanent sponsor. Rather, it had been hosted each year on an ad hoc basis by whatever law school volunteered to sponsor it that year. The hope was to sponsor the competition that year and, if all went well, to continue to do so thereafter on an annual basis. A proposal to this effect was presented to the ACLM Board at the College’s annual meeting on March 26 – 28, 1992 in Coronado, California and approved.

Thereafter, the 1992 – 1993 National Health Law Moot Court Competition, the first to be jointly sponsored by ACLM and the SIU Schools of Law and Medicine, was held on November 6 – 7, 1992 at the Southern Illinois University School of Law in Carbondale, IL. The problem argued involved an antitrust claim by an adolescent psychologist who was denied privileges at a county-owned hospital. The winning team that year came from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. SIU took second place, while the team from Vanderbilt University School of Law placed third. The Best Brief Award went to SIU, while Brenda Hart from the South Texas College of Law and Steve Hill from Vanderbilt tied for the Best Oralists Award. The final round judges included Benjamin Miller, Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, Peter von Gontard, partner in the St. Louis law firm of Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard, and Dr. Jay A. Gold, ACLM’s Executive Director.

Thereafter, at its March 10, 1993 meeting, the ACLM Board of Governors determined to continue and enhance its sponsorship of the competition with the SIU Schools of Law and Medicine. This was the beginning of their joint undertaking to sponsor and host the annual National Health Law Moot Court Competition which has developed and thrived over the past 24 years.

From the outset, ACLM’s commitment to the competition has involved scholarship grants for the winning teams, as well as the team submitting the best brief and the best oralist. Additionally, the College agreed early on to provide an honorarium to the author of the problem and bench brief as well as financial support for SIU students assisting in the organization and staging of the competition. Currently, ACLM and the ACLM Foundation provide a \$1000 scholarship to the first place team, \$750 to the second place team, and \$500 for third place. The best brief and best overall oralist each receive \$500 scholarships from ACLM and the ACLM Foundation.

Moot Court Summary by Eugene Basanta (continued)

These amounts have been supplemented by a \$250 award for the second place brief and \$250 for the best preliminary round oralist provided by the SIU School of Law's Center for Health Law and Policy.

ACLM has also supported the competition by providing a panel of judges to read and score the written briefs submitted by the competing teams. Another important contribution from the College is that each year the current president attends the competition and participates as one of the judges for the final round as the guest of the SIU School of Law. To date, close to 15 ACLM presidents have attended this competition. Finally, all of the competing students receive from the College an individual certificate of participation and a year's student membership in the College.

Over the years, the competition has grown substantially. Initially, in 1992, a dozen teams participated in the competition. Today, an average of 30 teams representing 25 law schools from throughout the country travel to Carbondale, IL each November to compete. This means that each year about 75 to 80 second and third year law students participate in the competition.

As the competition has grown over the years, new features have been added. Beginning in 1997, each of the students and the team faculty coaches receives a specially designed t-shirt for that year's competition. Further, starting in 2006, the problem and best brief for the competition, are published in the December issue of the College's scholarly journal, the *Journal of Legal Medicine*.

Substantively, the competition has presented a wide range of issues for the students to address that are at the cutting edge of current medical-legal debate. Problem topics have ranged from physician-assisted death to FDA approval of medical devices, from the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act to a *qui tam* action involving a state hospital. Each hypothetical problem is set before the U.S. Supreme Court on appeal from either a federal or a state court. The quality of the petition, which attracts teams from across the United States, provides law students with an unparalleled opportunity to develop and hone valuable research, appellate brief writing, and oral advocacy skills in the context of specific complex and controversial legal issues of significant importance to those affected by the American health care delivery and financing system. The two-day competition has grown steadily since its inception.

***Recent Student Writing Competition and Bioethics Writing
Competition Award Winners***

2009 – 2010

Winners will be announced at the 2010 50th Annual Meeting

2008 – 2009

Letourneau Award Winner

Government Endorsement of Living on a Prayer: The Religion Clauses and Religious Exemptions from the Duty to Provide Medical Treatment for Children

Ashley Dose

Drake University Law School
Des Moines, IA

Hirsh Award Winner

Healthcare in France: The Home Nursing Role

Reva J. Rasband

Brigham Young University
Cedar Hills, Utah

Schwartz Award Winner

Barriers to the Use of Advance Directives

Heather Phillips

Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons
New York, NY

Hoffman Bioethics Writing Competition Winners

1st Place:

Bodies of Law: The Ethical Implications of Recognizing Property Rights in Human Body Tissue

Phoebe Stone

Fordham Law School
New York, NY

2nd Place:

Modern Medicine, Murder & The Mind: The Disparity Between Advances in Medicine and the Current Criminal Law

Justin A. Gonzalez

University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM

***Recent Student Writing Competition and Bioethics Writing
Competition Award Winners***

3rd Place:

Palliative Care or Murder: The Legal Status of End of Life Medical Decisions in Extreme Emergency Situations

Ann Weilbaeher

Loyola University Chicago School of Law
Chicago, IL

2007 – 2008

Letourneau Award Winner

“Meta-care” and “Meta-caid” Changing How the Government Pays for Drugs

Marc Adler

Health Law Forum
Seton Hall University School of Law

Hirsh Award Winner

Mentally Sound?!:

The Constitutional Ramifications of Medicating the Mentally Ill to Stand Trial

Katusha de Villiers

MHSA, Xavier University

Schwartz Award Winner

Monitoring of Practitioner Performance: The Peer Review Process, Its Current Limitations, and Potential Sources of Improvement

Richard Cantley

Saint Louis University School of Medicine

Hoffman Bioethics Writing Competition Winners

1st Place:

Are Ethical Considerations Being Accorded Undue Respect In The Political Determination of Federal Policy?

The Influence of the Ethical Debate Over Embryonic Stem Cell Research On The Political Determination Of Federal Funding

Jordan Saltzberg

William & Mary School of Law
Williamsburg, VA

Presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas

***Recent Student Writing Competition and Bioethics Writing
Competition Award Winners***

2nd Place:

The Skinny on Being Too Skinny: Ethical and Legal Concerns on Banning Ultra-Thin Models from the Fashion Runway.

Adam Diament

University of San Diego School of Law
San Diego, CA

3rd Place:

The Fundamental Right to Clone: Predicting the Judicial Response to an Asserted Right To Reproductive Cloning

Jessica Lin Lewis

University of Chicago Law School
Chicago, IL

2006 – 2007

Letourneau Award Winner

The War on Specialty Hospital Competition

The August 2006 Expiration of the Moratorium on Specialty Hospitals has Accelerated the Already Heated Debate

W. Kyle Simonton

Southern Illinois University School of Law

Hirsh Award Winner

The Ethical Implication of Decision-Making for the Treatment of Extremely Premature Infants at the Threshold of Viability

Rebecca Schnall

Columbia University School of Nursing

Schwartz Award Winner

University Policy and Procedural Responses to Students with Risk of Suicide

Marlynn Wei

Yale Law School, Yale School of Medicine

Hoffman Bioethics Writing Competition Winners

1st Place:

A Comparison of Religious and Secular Ethical Reactions to Medical Engineering

Ryan Aycock

University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine
Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting in Orlando

***Recent Student Writing Competition and Bioethics Writing
Competition Award Winners***

2nd Place:

*Pharmaceutical Drug Testing in International Clinical Trials:
Why an international standard for ethical clinical trials should be established to
protect all human subject participants*

Melissa A. D'Arcy

University of Michigan Law School

University of Michigan School of Public Health

3rd Place:

*Supply and Demand Donations: A Market Approach to the Ethical, Moral,
Equitable, and Economic Concerns Surrounding America's Solid Organ
Shortage*

Randall James

University of Nebraska

2005 – 2006

Letourneau Award Winner

*The Study of Insuring Medically-Uninsurable Individuals: An Examination of
the Approaches of Different States to State-Mandated Coverage for Individuals
Unable to Secure Coverage in the Private Market*

Catherine Chou

Hirsh Award Winner

*Should Health Professional Schools use Race as a Criterion in the Admissions
Process?*

Carly J. Paoli, MPH

Schwartz Award Winner

*An Examination of the Genetic Discrimination in Employment and Insurance
Settings: A Call to Action*

Charles Nicholas Eisenhauer, IV

Hoffman Bioethics Writing Competition Winners

1st Place:

*The Epidemic of Unrelieved Chronic Pain: The Ethical, Societal and Regulatory
Barriers Facing Opioid Prescribing Physicians*

Bhavani S. Reddy JD MPH, LLM Candidate

***Recent Student Writing Competition and Bioethics Writing
Competition Award Winners***

2nd Place:

Fetal Pain Legislation: Subordinating Sound Medical Findings to Moral and Political Agendas

Ashley A. Wenger

3rd Place:

The Right to Die...Who should decide? The battle between the state and federal government in Gonzales v. Oregon

Erica Galpern

2004 – 2005

Letourneau Award Winner

Facility Liability for Damage or Destruction of Cryopreserved Embryos: A Medical and Legal Analysis

Joe Storch

Hirsh Award Winner

Arbitration Agreements: A Way Out of the Malpractice Morass?

A. Jay Khosla

Schwartz Award Winner

-No submissions-

Hoffman Bioethics Writing Competition Winners

1st Place:

Denying Access to Abortion:

The Decline of Women's Right to Informed Consent

Sarah Shannahan

2nd Place:

whose Brain Is It Anyway?

The Comparative Law of Post-Mortem Organ Retention

M.H. Klaiman, PhD, MD

3rd Place:

Of Care and Conscience:

Problematic Issues and Practical Solutions Concerning Conscience Clauses in Female Reproductive Healthcare

(Tom) Chih W. Lin

***Recent Student Writing Competition and Bioethics Writing
Competition Award Winners***

2003 – 2004

Letourneau Award Winner

*Protecting the Public: The Impact of the
Americans With Disabilities Act on Licensure Considerations Involving
Mentally Impaired Health Professionals*

Yuri Walker

Hirsh Award Winner

*The Trauma Transfer Paradox:
Expansion of Emergency Medical Treatment and
Active Labor Act Enforcement and the
Physician-Patient Relationship*

Sandeep Rao

Schwartz Award Winner

Psychiatry and Capital Punishment: An Arranged Marriage

John Caskey

Hoffman Bioethics Writing Competition Winners

1st Place:

Nailing Jell-O to a Wall: Regulating Internet Pharmacies

Jeremy Hochberg

2nd Place:

*Evaluating Ethical Competence at FDA -
Can FDA Adequately Address Novel Bioethical Issues Raised by Human
Cloning Research?*

James S. Lye

3rd Place:

*Informed Consent and Mental Disability:
Gaps in the Regulation for Protection of Human Research Subjects*

Lori Adams

2002 – 2003

Letourneau Award Winner

*Freedom from Pain:
Establishing a Constitutional Right to Pain Relief*

Beth Packman

***Recent Student Writing Competition and Bioethics Writing
Competition Award Winners***

Hirsh Award Winner

The Right To Refuse Forced Medication For The Treatment of Mental Illness

Susanne Lampkin

Schwartz Award Winner

The Pitfalls of Peer Review: A Discussion on the Limited Protections of State and Federal Peer Review Laws for Physicians

Lisa Nijm

Hoffman Bioethics Writing Competition Winners

1st Place:

*Alternative Medicine and
Informed Consent*

James Bulen, Jr.

2nd Place:

*Desperation & Dignity: The Illusory Promise of Gamete Reconstruction by
Somatic Cell Nuclear Haploidization*

Emily Bajcsi

3rd Place:

Examination of the Over-Regulation of Mifepristone

Cynthia Donley Young

<p>Annual Meeting and Documented <i>Mid-Year Educational Conference INDEX</i></p>

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|---|---|
| <p>2010: Annual meeting
Then and Now: The last 50 years of Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Victoria Green
March 5-7
Caribe Royale All-Suites Resort and Convention Center
Orlando, Florida</p> | <p>2007: Mid-year meeting
Medical Imaging and the Law
Chairperson: Michael Raskin
October 13-14
Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel
Chicago, Illinois</p> |
| <p>2009: Annual meeting
Government, Law and Medicine
Chairperson: Vicky Trompler
February 27 – March 1
Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada</p> | <p>2006: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine: The Cutting Edge
Chairperson: Michael Raskin
March 2 - 5
Harrah’s Las Vegas Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada</p> |
| <p>2008: Annual meeting
Standards of Excellence in Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Darren P. Mareiniss
February 29 – March 2
Renaissance Houston Hotel-Greenway Plaza
Houston, Texas</p> <p>Legal Aspects of Dentistry Conference
Chairperson: Bruce H. Siedberg
February 29 – March 2 (In conjunction with the annual meeting)
Renaissance Houston Hotel-Greenway Plaza
Houston, Texas</p> | <p>2005: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine 2005: Confronting the Challenge
Chairperson: Melvin Shiffman
March 3 - 6
Paradise Point Resort and Spa
San Diego, California</p> |
| <p>2008: Mid-year educational conference
Primary Care and The Law
Chairperson: Martin Stillman and Chris White (Co-Chairs)
September 27 - 28
W Chicago-City Center
Chicago, Illinois</p> | <p>2005: Mid-year educational conference
Obstetrics/Gynecology and the Law
Chairperson: Francois Blaudeau
September 30 - October 1
Hyatt Regency Chicago
Chicago, Illinois</p> |
| <p>2007: Annual meeting
Current Concepts in Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Gary Birnbaum
March 2 - 4
Caribe Royale All-Suite Resort
Orlando, Florida</p> | <p>2004: Annual meeting
Horizons in Legal Medicine and Bioethics
Chairperson: Gary Birnbaum
March 5 – 7
The Rio All-Suite Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada</p> |
| | <p>2004: Mid-year educational conference
Cancer and the Law: A Program Primarily for Physicians and Their Advisors
Chairperson: Dale Cowan
October 1 – 2
Bourbon Orleans – A Wyndham Historic Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana</p> |

- 2003: Annual meeting
The World of Legal Medicine After 9/11: Challenges and Responses
Chairperson: Philip Shelton
February 28 – March 2
Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort
Phoenix, Arizona
- 2002: Annual meeting
Medical Liability: Survival Strategies for 2002
Chairperson: Melvin Shiffman
Harrah's Las Vegas
Las Vegas, Nevada
- 2001: Annual meeting
A Legal Medicine Odyssey- Current Issues in Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Gary Birnbaum
March 9 – 11
Grand Hyatt Atlanta
Buckhead, Georgia
- 2000: Annual meeting
Law and Medicine in the Year 2000, Distilling the Past ~ Designing the Future
March 30 – April 1
Hilton San Diego Resort
San Diego, California
- 1999: Annual meeting
Addressing the Medical, Legal and Ethical Dilemmas in Modern Healthcare
March 11 – 13
The Westin Canal Place
New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1999: Mid-year educational conference
Medical-Legal Issues for the New Millennium
October 15 – 16
The Madison
Seattle, Washington
- 1998: Annual meeting
Access to Healthcare in the Year 2000
March 19 – 21
Tropicana Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada
- 1998: Mid-year educational conference
The Emergence of Public Health Law as the New Sword of Damocles
Chairperson: Miles Zaremski
October 9 – 10
Adam's Mark Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri
- 1997: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Theodore LeBlang
March 5 – 8
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- 1997: Mid-year educational conference
An Intensive Course in Legal Medicine and Health Law for Physicians and Attorneys
October 17 – 18
Westin River North
Chicago, Illinois
- 1996: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Jay Gold and Fillmore Buckner (Co-Chairs)
March 7 – 9
Las Vegas Hilton
Las Vegas, Nevada
- 1996: Mid-year educational conference
Legal concerns of Academic Health Centers
October 25 – 26
New Orleans Hilton Riverside
New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1995: Annual meeting
Opportunities and Challenges in Legal Medicine
March 10 – 12
Walt Disney World Dolphin
Lake Buena Vista, Florida
- 1995: Mid-year educational conference
Doctors in Distress II Medical Legal Issues: The Era of Managed Care and Escalating Physician Discipline
October 5 – 7
San Diego Hilton Beach and Tennis Resort
San Diego, California

- 1994: Annual meeting
On the Cutting Edge of Legal Medicine
March 10 – 12
Anaheim, California
- 1994: Mid-year educational conference
2nd Annual Medical Legal Seminar
August 5
Mira Vista Country Club
El Cerrito, California
- 1994: Mid-year educational conference
Emergency Care and the Law
November 3 – 5
Ritz-Carlton Hotel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1993: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
March 11 – 13
Las Vegas Hilton
Las Vegas, Nevada
- 1993: Mid-year educational conference
Obstetric and Neonatal Malpractice
May 6 – 8
Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers
Boston, Massachusetts
- 1993: Mid-year educational conference
Violence and Abuse in the Family a Coordinated Response
June 17 – 19
The Chicago Hilton and Towers
Chicago, Illinois
- 1993: Mid-year educational conference
Brain Function and Impairment: Medical Foundations and Litigation Applications
October 21 – 23
La Mansion Del Rio
San Antonio, Texas
- 1992: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Sam Cullan
March 25 – 28
Hotel Del Coronado
San Diego, California
- 1992: Mid-year educational conference
Silicone Implants: The Medical-Legal Implications
October 29 – 31
The Fairmont Hotel at University Place
New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1992: Mid-year educational conference
Sexual Misconduct and the Physician
Chairperson: Frank C. Woodside and Louis P. Meiners (Co-chairs)
September 25 – 26
The Capital Hilton
Washington, District of Columbia
- 1991: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Martin B. Flamm
March 6 – 9
Westin Canal Place
New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1991: Mid-year educational conference
Obstetric Neonatal Malpractice
Chairperson: Frank Woodside
September 27 – 28
Hyatt Regency
Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1990: Annual meeting
Risk Management, Quality Assurance, and Medical Malpractice
March 15 – 17
Marriott's Orlando World Center
Orlando, Florida
- 1990: Mid-year educational conference
Doctors in Distress Corrective Actions vs. Physicians Rights and Risk Prevention
Chairperson: Marvin Firestone and Dan Cullen (Co-chairs)
October 4 - 6
Stanford Court Hotel
San Francisco, California

- 1989: Annual meeting
The Nuts and Bolts of Legal medicine/Health Law Practice
Chairperson: Marvin Firestone
March 2 – 4
Marriot’s Rancho Las Palmas Resort
Rancho Mirage, California
- 1989: Mid-year educational conference
Law & Medicine in the 1990’s: A Crossroad Decade
Chairperson: Edward E. Hollowell and Peter H. Rheinstein (Co-Chairs)
October 6 – 7
Oklahoma City Marriott Hotel
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 1988: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Charles R. Hollen (Co-chair)
April 7 - 9
Marriott’s Harbor Beach Resort
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- 1987: Annual meeting
Medicine’s Clear and Present Danger: Professional Liability Threat
Chairperson: Rhoda M. Powsner and Edward E. Hollowell
May 7 – 9
The Hotel Queen Mary
Long Beach, California
- 1987: Mid-year educational conference
Hot Topics in Legal Medicine
Chairperson: John R. Carlisle
November 6 - 7
Sheraton Centre
Toronto, Canada
- 1986: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
May 7
Westin Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts
- 1986: Mid-year educational conference
Legal Medicine
Chairpersons: Marvin Firestone and Dorothy Rasinski Gregory
Held in conjunction with the American Association of Psychiatry and the Law
- 1985: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
May 8
Royal Sonesta Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1984: Annual meeting
- 1984: Mid-year educational conference
Legal Medicine: Risk Management
Co-sponsored by the American Society of Internal Medicine
September
San Antonio, Texas
- 1983: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Kona Surf Hotel
Kona, Hawaii
- 1983: Mid-year educational conference
Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Dorothy Rasinski Gregory
Held in conjunction with the American Society of Internal Medicine
San Francisco, California
- 1982: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Boca Raton Hotel and Club
Boca Raton, Florida
- 1982: Mid-year educational conference
Legal Medicine
Held in conjunction with the American College of Surgeons
Chicago, Illinois
- 1981: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
May 15
Del Coronado Hotel
Coronado, CA

- 1981: Mid-year educational conference
Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Dorothy Rasinski Gregory
Held in conjunction with the American Society of Internal Medicine
San Antonio, Texas
- 1980: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Marshall Segal
Houston Oaks Hotel
Houston, Texas
- 1979: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Hyatt at Hilton Head
Hilton Head, South Carolina
- 1979: Mid-year educational conference
Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Ted Leblang
Ambassador West Hotel
Chicago, Illinois
- 1978: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Dorothy Rasinski Gregory
May 3
Stanford Court Hotel
San Francisco, California
- 1977: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Lee S. Goldsmith
May 11
Camelback Inn
Scottsdale, Arizona
- 1976: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
May 13
Castle Harbour Hotel
Tucker's Town, Bermuda
- 1975: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
April 30
Caesar's Palace Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada
- 1974: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
May 11
Stoufer's Inn
Atlanta, Georgia
- 1973: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Stanford Court Hotel
San Francisco, California
- 1972: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
May 11, 12 & 13
Americana Hotel
Miami Beach, Florida
- 1971: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
May 8
Royal Orleans Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1970: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
June 21
Chicago Sheraton Hotel
Chicago, Illinois
- 1969: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Warwick Hotel
New York City, New York
- 1968: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
June 16
San Francisco Hilton
San Francisco, California
- 1967: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
June 18
Shelburne Hotel
Atlantic City, New Jersey
- 1966: Ambassador East Hotel
Legal Medicine
Chicago, Illinois

1964: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Charles U. Letourneau
June 21
St. Francis Hotel
San Francisco, California

1963: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
June 16
Shelburne Hotel
Atlantic City, New Jersey

1962: Winter meeting
Legal Medicine
Chairperson: Harold Lefkoe
February 11
Bellevue Stratford Hotel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1962: Annual meeting
Legal Medicine
June 23
Morrison Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

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