

# ACLM Notes from the President

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## 2010 50th Annual ACLM Conference



**ACLM 50 Years Later:  
Advances in Medicine  
2010 Annual Meeting  
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March 5 - 7, 2010  
Caribe Royale  
Orlando, Florida

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## Comments from ACLM Members:

If you have thoughts or opinions on articles in either the *ACLM Q & A* or *LMP* that you would like to share with the membership, please email them to Lisa

## Notes from the President:

*Melvin A. Shiffman, MD, JD*

### 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF LEGAL MEDICINE

We should all be looking forward to the Annual Meeting in Orlando, March 4 - 7, 2010, at which the 50th Anniversary of the College will be celebrated. All Past Presidents are invited to attend so that we can show our gratitude for their contributions. All attendees will find the Program interesting and the companionship memorable. There are many things for families to do in Orlando, so bring along the spouse, children, significant others, and friends.

### HISTORY OF ACLM

The complete history of the American College of Legal Medicine is being printed up for the 50th Anniversary of ACLM in 2010. Kent Harshbarger has done an excellent job in accomplishing this feat.

### AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF

An Amicus Curiae brief was submitted by the ACLM to the Supreme Court of the State of Montana. The decision in *Baxter v. State of Montana* concerning physician assisted dying was in favor of the plaintiff. See the decision of the Montana Supreme Court on the ACLM website.

### MOOT COURT

The Moot Court Competition was held on November 27, 2009 at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL. The final students' appearance competing in a Supreme Court setting was fantastic. The students responded to the judges' questions with aplomb and excellent arguments. The judges were knowledgeable and asked many probing questions. It was a delight to see the capabilities of the best-of-the-best students in action.

### MEMBERSHIP

There is always a need for new members, not only combined MD-JD degrees, but also single degree professionals and members of the healthcare system to get fresh ideas, contributors for the committees, and also to provide more speakers for the meetings. It is up to the present members to actively find friends, acquaintances, and professional contacts that might be interested in the College and its activities.

### REPORT LEGISLATION OF CONCERN

The ACLM is interested in obtaining new proposed legislation, either state or federal, on healthcare subjects. Be on the lookout for those areas of legal medicine in which the College might wish to become involved. We are asking members to forward to us any legislation (only the legislation and the arguments for and against) that is of concern. It should be sent to the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee, addressed to Dale Cowan and the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee at [cowandh@gmail.com](mailto:cowandh@gmail.com).

### PRESIDENT'S THANK YOU

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Governors who have made this past year memorable for me with their active participation. It has been a pleasure working with the Executive Committee members who have helped lead the College. The staff of WJ Weiser & Associates, of course, does a lot of the work that makes things easier for those of us in leadership positions. I have found the staff instantly responding to any of my questions or wishes and most helpful in all aspects of ACLM endeavors. I give them all, especially Wendy Weiser and Sue O'Sullivan,

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my sincerest thanks.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

\* Individuals whose names are listed in bold require election all others terms are current.

The Nominating Committee met via teleconference to nominate the upcoming slate of Officers and Governors in accordance with the ACLM bylaws.

**The following names are hereby presented to the College members in these President's notes and will be voted on at the Fellows meeting during the 2010 annual session in Orlando:**

**President:** Dale Cowan, MD, JD, FCLM (Automatic)

**President-elect:** Gary Birnbaum, MD, JD, FCLM

**Treasurer:** Kent Harshbarger, MD, JD, FCLM

**Secretary:** Victoria Green, MD, JD, FCLM

**Imm. Past President:** Melvin Shiffman, MD, JD, FCLM (Automatic)

#### **Board of Governors to be elected:**

**Darren Mareiniss, MD, JD, MBe, FCLM** - First 3 year Term - currently served a 1 year term - (2010-2013) Fellow

**Christopher White, MD, JD, FCLM** - First 3 year Term - currently served a 1 year term - (2010-2013) (Fellow)

**Howard Morgan, MD** - First Term - Replacing Dr. Thomas Nogucci - (2010-2013) - (Medical Member)

**Francois Blaudeau, MD, JD, FCLM** - Second Term - completed 1st term (2010- 2013) - (Fellow)

#### **Board of Governors - Terms are current, not up for election:**

##### **Terms expiring in 2011:**

Martin Stillman, MD, JD, FCLM (second term - Fellow)

Thomas McLean, MD, JD, FCLM (second term - Fellow)

Frederick Levy, MD, JD, FCLM (first term 2 years - Fellow)

##### **Terms expiring in 2012:**

Leon Aussprung III, MD,JD, LLM, FCLM (first term - Fellow)

Eugene Basanta, JD, FCLM (first term - Law member)

James Hubler, MD, JD, FCLM (first term - Fellow)

Thomas J Smith, DDS (first term - Dental member)

Vicky Trompler, MD, JD, FCLM (first term - Fellow)

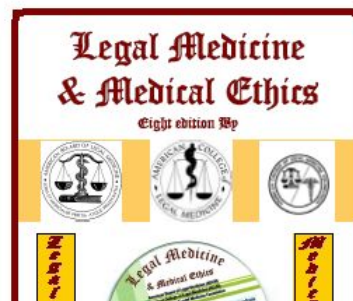
##### **JLM Editor**

Ross Silverman - replacing Marshall Kapp as editor of JLM

##### **AMA Delegate**

Richard Wilbur, MD, JD, FCLM

Kent Harshbarger, MD, JD, FCLM (Alternate)



#### **2010 LEGAL MEDICINE E-BOOK TO BE AVAILABLE AT ANNUAL MEETING**

The 2010 E-Book, **LEGAL MEDICINE & MEDICAL ETHICS**, by the ABLM, ACLM & ACLM Foundation, will be published at the end of February, 2010, in time to be handed out and displayed at the 50th Anniversary

Meeting of the ACLM.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view a PDF of the E-Book's Table of Contents

#### **INTRODUCING THE NEW ACLM RESOURCE CENTER**

The ACLM executive office is pleased to announce a new web-based feature for our members. The ACLM Resource Center is now under development at [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org). In this section of the website, users will be able to search an extensive list of medical and legal journal links, all combined in one place for a convenient way to access professional articles. This section of the site will also house ACLM Members in the News and Links from Members. If you have anything that you would like to contribute to this new section, please contact Lisa Oesterreicher at the ACLM executive office at [lisao@wjweiser.com](mailto:lisao@wjweiser.com) or by calling (847) 264-5918.

#### **CALL TO ALL ORLANDO, FLORIDA AREA ACLM MEMBERS**

The ACLM would like to put a call out to all its members residing in the Orlando, Florida area for assistance in advertising and promoting the upcoming 2010 ACLM Annual Meeting. If you are interested in assisting with these efforts, please contact Sue O'Sullivan at the ACLM executive office at [sueo@wjweiser.com](mailto:sueo@wjweiser.com) or (847) 969-0283.

#### **PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES**

[CLICK HERE](#) or visit the Bylaws page on the ACLM website for the proposed bylaws changes that will be voted on at the 2010 ACLM Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida on March 5 - 7, 2010. (Proposed changes to the bylaws will be voted on by ACLM fellows ONLY.)

#### **POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee will be considering potential candidates for the following positions to be presented to the membership for voting at the 2010 ACLM Annual in Orlando, Florida on March 6, 2010:

1. Fellow position on the Board of Governors
2. Member in Medicine position
3. Executive Committee position of Secretary

In order to maintain transparency of elections, if you are interested in being considered for any of these positions, please indicate so by sending an email to Sue O'Sullivan ([sueo@wjweiser.com](mailto:sueo@wjweiser.com)), ACLM Associate Director, and she will notify the Nominating Committee of your desire. You may also suggest any member for consideration for the Board, as long as you have determined that they agree to be considered. Please refer to the Bylaws (online at [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org)) for requirements and duties of the available positions. If you wish, you may submit a one-page synopsis of your ACLM activities. In the one-page synopsis, please identify what you believe are the most important issues facing the ACLM, and what you would do to respond to them. This synopsis must be sent to Sue as a one-page Word attachment, single-spaced, in 12 point, Times New Roman font, with no less than 1" margins. Any synopsis that does not meet this requirement will not be forwarded to the Nominating Committee. No other supporting documents will be considered. Remember that some members of the Nominating Committee may not be aware of your accomplishments and this may be the only opportunity to inform them. This synopsis is optional for those seeking nomination for the Board of Governors, but is required for those seeking the position of Secretary. In addition, for the position of Secretary, candidates must send two supporting letters, from non-Board members, or members of the Nominating Committee, must be sent to Sue. Neither candidates nor sponsors should directly contact members of the Nominating Committee. Please direct all inquiries and/or correspondence to Sue O'Sullivan.

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Chair, Nominating Committee

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