Welcome to the Health Law Section of The Mississippi Bar. The Health Law Section consists of over 200 members, and your 2013-2014 Officers and Executive Committee are excited about providing you value for your membership dues this year. Reinstituting this newsletter is a great first step that we hope you enjoy. We have also agreed to provide you a newsfeed service through Lexology, as well as offering you several opportunities throughout this year for CLEs.

With the continued implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the healthcare industry is subject to increasing scrutiny and the laws and regulations surrounding health care continue to change and evolve. As a result, we are excited to announce that the Health Law Section will have a combined meeting with the Business Law Section at The MS Bar Convention on June 26. The MS Department of Insurance, led by Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney, will headline this meeting and provide us with the most up to date information.

I am humbled and honored to be your chair for 2013-2014. Please do not hesitate to offer your suggestions, complaints, and comments to me at Stephen@clayfirm.com. On behalf of your 2013-2014 Officers and Executive Committee, I wish you and your family a holiday season and New Year filled with good health, peace, and Joy.

Stephen Clay

**AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

The University of Mississippi Medical Center received a $832,000.00 grant from the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to train over 30 benefits coordinators and financial counselors as Certified Insurance Exchange Navigators. These employees are ready and able to assist Mississippi citizens obtain healthcare insurance. These navigators will meet with individuals who come to UMMC for treatment, they estimate they see approximately 200 individuals per day who qualify, and plan to reach out to others through various efforts in the future. The Health Insurance Marketplace opened October 1st and UMMC offered free information sessions in the month of Octo-

Further, UMMC was one of more than 100 organizations to receive such funding. For more information see www.ummchealth.com/healthplan/
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Write for the Health Law Section Newsletter

The Health Law Section newsletter is now accepting articles on health law topics for publication in the newsletter. If you have an idea for an article, you may submit it to Health Law Section Newsletter Editor Jenny Tyler Baker at Jenny@tindelllawfirm.com.

Please include a short description of the article. The Health Law Section Committee will consider your proposal and notify you of whether your proposal has been accepted. The committee reserves the right to reject proposals. Please note that when you submit your article for publication in the newsletter, you will be granting the Mississippi Bar the nonexclusive right to publish your article.

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Upcoming Events

January 2014:
FREE CLE Webinar for all Health Law Section Members. Elizabeth O’Keefe will be discussing social media as it pertains to various health topics and issues.

May 29, 2014
6 hour CLE at the Mississippi Bar Center in Jackson. More details to follow!

June 26, 2014
Health Law Section Annual Meeting at the Sandestin Hilton

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