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Message from the Chair

Thanks to our Executive Committee, all of whom contributed to our planning call back in September, our Section has gotten off to a great start this year. A special thanks to each member of the Executive Committee for contributing their time and talents to making our Section successful, and I invite all our members to join us in the work of the Health Law Section.

On November 5, 2014, we had our Section's first teleconference, which was entitled Legal Ethics in Healthcare Representations: Conducting Internal Compliance Investigations and Defending Government Investigations and Fraud Cases. Jonell Beeler, from the Baker Donelson firm (and a member of our Executive Committee), did an excellent job of walking us through all the ethical pitfalls we need to avoid in representing individuals and corporations in connection with health care investigations. Jonell also discussed the tension between the compliance efforts of clients and the repre-

sentation duties of counsel. This was our first Section teleconference, but we hope to have many more in the future. And, the CLE credit costs you nothing as a member of the Health Law Section. If you have a topic to suggest, please send it along to me or one of the members of the Executive Committee. Also, I want to thank Rene Garner at the Bar Center for coordinating this teleconference. I'm told we had more than 30 participants, which represents a good portion (about 15%) of our membership.

Less than a week later, on November 11, 2014, four members of the Executive Committee participated in a Career Panel at Mississippi College School of Law. The diverse group of panelists appear in the photograph included in this newsletter, and they brought their unique perspective on practicing health law to the 75 or more law students who attended the Career Panel session at the law school. Julie Mitchell of Mitchell Day Law



Bob Anderson, Chair

Firm gave the students a good overview about representing clients in RAC audits and Medicare appeals as well as a plethora of other government proceedings, while Genie Thomas shared her experience as General Counsel of Magee General Hospital (and earlier experience in-house at Baptist Health Systems). Stephen Clay shared some great insights about his role as a policy consultant and lobbyist at the Clay Law Firm and I recounted a few experiences from my years as a health care fraud prosecutor. One point on which all the panelists agreed: you cannot just "dabble" in health law practice. Because it is a constantly changing area of the law, those who call themselves health lawyers must keep current on all those changes. We intend to offer a similar Career Panel at Ole Miss law school in the Spring 2015 semester. If you are practicing in North Mississippi

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or an Ole Miss graduate looking for a reason to visit the campus and would like to be a panelist for this Career Panel at Ole Miss, please let me hear from you. Maybe we can plan the event to coincide with a basketball or baseball game on campus. This interaction with future law students is good for them as well as for the future of our Section. Professor Jonathan Will at Mis-

issippi College School of Law pointed out that MC Law will begin offering a health law certificate to its graduates soon, which should insure even more future members of our health law family.

The holiday season is upon us, and the end of the year is not far behind. I'm sure that many of

you have already begun some of your annual celebrations, as I have received a number of invitations to annual Christmas parties. I hope that you and your families have a joyful celebration of the holidays, and that the new year brings new opportunities for all of you. Thanks again for letting me serve as Chair of our Section.

Hot Topics in Health Care Law - A CLE Briefing



Members of the Executive Board of the Health Law Section held a forum for law students at MC School of Law on Tuesday, November 11.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 28, 2015
6 hour CLE at the Mississippi Bar Center
in Jackson.

Thursday, July 9, 2015
Health Law Section Annual Meeting at
the Sandestin Hilton.

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 will 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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