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President's Letter

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Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

I hope this email finds you well and safe. As you know, a lot has transpired since our last meeting. I have exciting updates for you.

First and foremost, it gives me great pleasure to announce that our in-person 63rd ACLM Annual Meeting will be on February 24-26, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando, Florida. Leading the charge by Dr. Michael Vinluan (Chair), Dr. Jennifer Unis Sullivan (Dental Co-Chair), and Dr. Michael Kaner (Dental Co-Chair), we already have distinguished speakers lined up.

A month after our annual meeting, the Australasian College of Legal Medicine, in association with our College, will hold its 2023 Scientific Meeting & Awards Dinner on March 25-26, 2023, at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart in Tasmania, Australia. I encourage you to attend the Law and Regulation of Healthcare sessions and to network with our Australasian colleagues.

In the meantime, I am equally thrilled to announce that our new ACLM website at <http://www.aclm.org>, has launched! We have created a modern website that is adapted to your mobile devices. This website serves as the face of ACLM where we feature our rich history as well as updates on upcoming activities, monthly webinars, JLM, and LMP. Please feel free to explore our new website and share it with prospective members.

You will also notice our new ACLM logo. It signifies a modern and vibrant symbol of our College while preserving a link to our original logo. Chosen by our Fellows at the 2020 annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, our new logo will represent ACLM in 2022 and beyond.

Under the leadership of Dr. Jennifer Unis Sullivan, Chair of the Membership

and Credentials Committee, we have increased our membership by 30%. More young members are joining the ACLM every day. In fact, we have started our Membership Spotlight where we feature a Fellow or Member of our College every month. For our first Membership Spotlight, we are proud to present Professor June Zhao from the University of Oklahoma Health Center, whose scholarly work in health economics is at the forefront of legal medicine.

As reported previously, the College's contract with Georgia State University School of Law concluded at the end of June 2021. Although we have been actively pursuing potential relationships with other law schools, we have not yet lined up a new academic partner. Dr. Joseph Piorkowski has graciously served as Editor-in-Chief to continue to publish the Journal. Accordingly, we need members who can serve as peer reviewers and editors to assist us with this task. If you can help, please contact Dr. Piorkowski at jlm@aclm.org.

The ACLM Monthly Webinar Series continues to be popular. Based on member feedback, it is decided that 8pm Eastern time works best for everyone. Please be on the lookout for our upcoming webinar this month. If you would like to be a speaker or if you have a recommendation for a subject matter or a speaker, please contact Dr. Richard Hanover, Chair of the Monthly Webinar Series, at info@aclm.org.

Please do not forget to Save the Date for our National Mid-Year Meeting of the ACLM and ABLM—Day with the Judges on October 21, 2022, at the Embassy Suites Hilton Downtown/Medical Center. Jointly sponsored by the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, the meeting will feature the following—fundamental reproductive rights, criminalization of medical practice, FDA and prescribing/recommending controlled substances.

Furthermore, in coordination with Dr. Sandy Sanbar, Executive Director of ABLM, we have decided to update our ACLM textbook—Legal Medicine to the 8th edition. The previous edition was published in 2007. If you are interested in contributing as an author, we would be honored to include you.

In closing, I would like to offer special thanks to the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors, and the CMS team for their hard work to maintain fiscal responsibility during these volatile economic times. Under the stewardship of Dr. Eli Avila and Dr. Robert Buckman our finances remain robust. The College is safe again. And for those who have not yet paid your annual dues, please do so as soon as possible to consolidate our College's financial position and to support our mission.

We still have vacant positions on the various committees. For instance, Dr. Santos Ruiz-Cordero, Chair of the Amicus Curiae Committee, seeks members to identify cases where we can assist the courts. This is our College, and your valuable contribution of time will enhance our prominence.

As the pandemic subsides, I look forward to seeing you at the next ACLM event. In the meantime, please take care of yourself and your loved ones.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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