

ACBA Health Law Section
2010-2011 Year-End Report
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ACBA HEALTH LAW SECTION ANNUAL REPORT, 2010-2011

The ACBA Health Law Section serves as a mechanism for its membership to stay current on the continuously changing health care landscape. Each month, our Section hosts a one hour lunch meeting to discuss a current issue in health law. These luncheon meetings typically include a presentation by an industry speaker. The issues cover both federal regulatory issues and local issues effecting practitioners and health care providers in the community. Our meetings for the last year included the following speakers and discussion topics:

- “Medicare’s Recent Decision to Pay for Treatments for HIV Induced Facial Wasting Conditions and How It Came to Be: A Local Story.” – Stella L. Smetanka, Esq., Ernest Manders, M.D., and Bruce Wilder, M.D.
- “Overview of Public Health Law” – Tina Hershey, Esq., Legal Analyst for the University of Pittsburgh’s Center for Public Health Practice
- Business Meeting – Overview of Proposed Section Bylaw Changes
- “Property Rights in Human Corneas” – University of Pittsburgh School of Law’s representatives for the National Health Law Moot Court Competition, Andrea Passantino and Rick Holzworth
- “Immigration Basics for the Health Law Practitioner” – Alexander R. Castrodale, Esq., of Cohen & Grigsby, P.C.
- “Accountable Care Organizations” – William H. Maruca, Esq. of Fox Rothschild LLP
- “Having to Say You’re Sorry: Medical Error Disclosure Policies in Health Care Settings” – Ian Donaldson, Esq. of Horty, Springer & Mattern
- “Introduction to Medical Device Regulation” – John Tomczak, Director, Regulatory and Quality Engineering at Regulatory and Quality Solutions, LLC
- Business Meeting – Election of Officers and Council/Annual Meeting

This Section also provides an annual donation to Attorneys Against Hunger, this year donating \$800.00.

We will continue to provide our membership with a wide array of presentations and CLE opportunities featuring current health law topics during the 2011-2012 term.