

American Society of Law & Medicine

THE SOCIETY

The American Society of Law & Medicine is a national organization dedicated to continuing medicolegal education. The membership services of the Society provide attorneys, physicians, nurses, hospital administrators, allied health professionals, academics, and students with a variety of opportunities to keep abreast of new developments in law, medicine, health care and bioethics.

PUBLICATIONS

Membership in the American Society of Law & Medicine includes annual subscriptions to two publications: LAW, MEDICINE & HEALTH CARE and the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LAW & MEDICINE.

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The AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LAW & MEDICINE is a law review co-published quarterly with the Boston University School of Law. In recognition of its interdisciplinary audience, the JOURNAL has the distinction of being the only legal publication indexed by both legal reference guides and the medical reference volume, *Index Medicus*. Each issue contains scholarly articles written by national authorities, book reviews, annotations of recent health care-related court decisions and legislative enactments.

In conjunction with the Health Administration Press of the University of Michigan, the Society has published a number of texts. Each volume includes edited, supplemented and footnoted versions of the papers presented to the conference the book was based upon, as well as seminal articles on the topic.

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Past conference topics have included workers' compensation, mental health law and genetics and the law. Each conference includes how-to workshops, panel debates, roundtable discussions and general sessions. Society conferences are accredited for continuing education credit by medical, nursing, legal and administrative associations.



OTHER SERVICES

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