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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LAW & MEDICINE

The Annual Business Meeting of the American Society of Law & Medicine will be held on Friday evening, June 3, 1977, at the Sidney Hill Country Club in Newton, Massachusetts, to elect Council Members for 1977–1978 and to present the 1977 Honorary Life Membership Award. The Meeting will be followed by dinner and dancing to the music of Larry Cooper. For reservations and further information, write to ASLM at 454 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

# PROCEEDINGS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE CONFERENCE NOW AVAILABLE

On June 8–10, 1975, in Washington, D.C., the American Society of Law & Medicine held its first National Conference on the Medicolegal Implications of Emergency Medical Care, under the cooperating sponsorship of the American Heart Association and a number of medical, legal, and insurance groups. National Chairman of the program was Neil Chayet, J.D.; National Vice-Chairman was John A. Norris, J.D., M.B.A.

The Proceedings of that Conference, edited by Kevin M. McIntyre, M.D., J.D., have been published by the American Heart Association in a comprehensive, easy-to-read softcover volume. This 250-page publication contains 42 short essays by many of the nation's leading medicolegal specialists. The material is divided into the following chapters: Introduction; Conference Overview; Medicolegal Aspects of On-the-Scene Emergency Medical Care; Medicolegal Aspects of Emergency Transit to the Hospital; Medicolegal Aspects of In-Hospital Emergency Medical Care; Model Legislation; Governmental Administration and Funding of Emergency Medical Care Programs; Workshop Panels and Discussions; and Addresses to the Conference.

The full title of the publication is Proceedings of the First National Conference on the Medicolegal Implications of Emergency Medical Care. It is available at a cost of \$3.00. Orders should be placed with the American Heart Association, 7320 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75231.

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