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EDITORS' PAGE

While inaugurating the *Journal of Law and Health's* popular Lecture Series, one of our predecessors stated the *Journal's* mission best: the "*Journal seeks to serve Cleveland and its health care community by facilitating a link between the medical and legal professions.*"¹ This year, the *Journal's* editorial board used three mechanisms to accomplish that goal.

First, the *Journal* has ambitiously continued the Lecture Series, which attracts members of both Cleveland's medical and legal communities to the law school, with three events during the 2006-07 academic year. In the fall, the *Journal* hosted a roundtable entitled *The New Medicare Drug Plan: Puzzle or Prescription for Health?*, which offered perspectives of health care professionals, a legislative aide, and a government administrator on the practical effects of the new medicare prescription drug benefit. In the spring, the *Journal* hosted Dr. Joseph Lex, professor of emergency room medicine at Temple University, for the second time in the Lecture Series, who presented *The FDA: A Watchdog that Doesn't Bite and Has No Incentive to Bark*, and Dr. Deborah Denno, the Arthur A. McGivney Professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law, who spoke on the *Legal Implications of Research on Genetics and Crime*. Business Editors Margo Moore ('07) and Rebecca Smith ('07) deserve credit for making the *Journal's* Lecture Series a continued success.

Second, the *Journal* has reached out to members of the Greater Cleveland medical community to write articles, based on the notion that doctors and other professionals in the medical community can identify health-related legal issues as well as any attorney or law professor. This volume includes three such articles: Gil Van Bokkelen, the CEO and chairman of Athersys, Inc., a biotech firm, has written an article on the federal government's role in medical research; Dr. William Seitz, Jr., the Director of Orthopedic Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic, has written an article on the Ohio's Bureau of Workers' Compensation; and Dr. Charles Lanzieri, the interim-Director of Radiology at University Hospitals, and Dr. Eric Nyberg have written an article on teleradiology, which appears as a part of a perspective on radiology moving offshore. By complimenting the traditional, more theoretical law journal articles and notes written by professors and students, with practical articles written by doctors, other health care professionals, and practicing attorneys, the *Journal* offers articles with various viewpoints.

Lastly, with this volume, the *Journal* has published on line for the first time. We believe that this feat helps accomplish the *Journal's* goal of linking between the medical and legal communities by making the *Journal* available to everyone who has access to the Internet and, thus, broadening the exposure of our authors' articles. Just posting the articles on the website was not enough, however. A milestone like this one required a complete revamp of the *Journal of Law and Health's* website to

¹Joseph Rohan Lex, Jr., M.D., FAAEM, *The Physician-Pharmaceutical Industry Relationship*, 18 J.L. & HEALTH 323 (2003-04) (remarks of Evelyn Holmer, Co-Editor-in-Chief, 2005-06, introducing Dr. Lex).

give it a fresh, professional appearance. Heading up that endeavor was David Dohnal ('07), the *Journal's* first Electronic Editor and winner of this year's Outstanding Editor of the Year award.

To accompany the launch of the *Journal's* newly revamped website, the *Journal* also presents with this volume its new on line supplement *JournalBriefs*. In this feature, the *Journal* publishes op-eds written by those associates who have had their notes selected for publication in the upcoming volume and in which those associates summarize their notes in a short, cogent form. Consistent with the *Journal's* mission, we hope that this feature will also become a forum for responses from readers regarding the articles that the *Journal* publishes so that more people can be involved in the debates and discussions that the *Journal's* pages inspire.

We would like to thank our editorial board and faculty advisors, Professor Barbara J. Tyler ('89), Placement Director Jayne Hurst Geneva ('87), and Educational Programming Librarian Laura Ray, for sharing in and forming our vision for the *Journal* and for helping to make that vision a reality. We would also like to thank Dean Geoffrey Mearns for his strong support of the *Journal*. With the inauguration of the annual Lecture Series and the *Journal's* new website, the *Journal* has achieved new heights in recent years that must be attributed to the *Journal's* ambitious editorial boards. We know that the incoming editorial class and those who will follow them will strengthen this momentum, taking the *Journal* to a higher level of recognition as a legal publication, because as the *Journal of Law and Health's* founders wrote in our publication's first issue, "[w]e strongly believe that the *Journal's* future is bright because the future of the Cleveland-Marshall and its students is equally bright."²

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²James Edward Powell & Karen E. Rubin, *Editors' Page*, 1 J.L. & HEALTH iii (1985-86).