

Liaison Report – ABA AIDS Coordinating Committee
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The ABA AIDS Coordinating Committee held its Fall Meeting in Washington, D.C. Friday, November 21, 2008-Saturday November 22, 2008.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/PROGRAMS:

“HIV and the Rule of Law: A Legal Roadmap for a New Administration” at the Boston Midyear Meeting, February 14, 2009, 2:30p -4:00p at the Hynes Convention Center, Room 309, 3rd Level. (see attached flyer)

The Spring Meeting will be April 18-19, 2009 in Vancouver, British Columbia. This is a follow up to last year’s Spring Meeting held in Dallas, Texas also in conjunction with the Business Law Section. This year’s program will address *“HIV and the Rule of Law: The Role of Multinationals in the Global AIDS Pandemic.”*

At the Annual Meeting in Chicago the committee will focus on *HIV and the Rule of Law: Punishment for Victimless Crimes*

For the Fall Meeting the Committee plans to address *HIV and the Rule of Law: Human Rights at Home and Abroad*. This will be held at the Notre Dame Law School.

At the ABA Midyear Meeting in Orlando, Florida the program will be in the nuts and bolts format and will address *HIV and the Rule of Law: Immigrating, Traveling and Working Abroad with HIV*.

Other meeting projects include a presentation within the 2010 International AIDS Conference in Vienna, Austria July 18-23, 2010. The Committee will be responsible for a program track on the rule of law in the containment of HIV.

PROJECTS:

The Committee will continue its work with the ABA Governmental Affairs Office in furtherance of ABA policy to address issues including the Ryan White Care Act, effective national AIDS strategy, immigration, screening and testing, prevention, consent issues and employment.

Further the Committee will continue its work with the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, Health Law Section, and the ABA Center on Children and the Law, on the ABA Enterprise Funded project on medical-legal partnerships as pro bono support initiative.

HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Committee has established an advisory committee whose members are internationally recognized members of the Medical Community. They include:

Virginia A. Caine, M.D, Indiana University School of Medicine, Director of the Marion County Health Department and Chief of the Infectious Diseases Section of the National Medical Association. Member of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Managed Care Working Group and of the Institute of Medicine Committee on the Prevention and Control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

Robert E. Fullilove, Ed.D., Associate Dean for Community and Minority Affairs, Columbia Mailman School of Public Health, and co-director of the Urbanism and Community Health program in the Department of Sociomedical Sciences of the Mailman School. Served on the Board of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the Institute of Medicine (IOM) at the National Academy of Sciences and former member and chair of the Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention (ACHSP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and served on the National Advisory Council for the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health.

David R. Holtgrave, Ph.D., Chair, Health, Behavior and Society Department, Bloomberg School of Public Health, research has focused on the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of a variety of HIV prevention interventions, and the relationship of the findings of these studies to HIV prevention policy making. Served on an Institute of Medicine panel charged with recommending methods to improve the public financing and delivery of HIV care in the United States and has investigated the relationship between social capital measures, infectious disease rates, and risk behavior prevalence. He has worked extensively on HIV prevention community planning, and has served as a member of the Wisconsin HIV Prevention Community Planning group.

Marjorie J. Hill, Ph.D., CEO, Gay Men's Health Crisis, a licensed clinical psychologist, is Chief Executive Officer of Gay Men's Health Crisis, Prior to joining GMHC, she was Assistant Commissioner for HIV/AIDS Services at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, where she was instrumental in developing and implementing innovative programs to confront some of the complexities/challenges of the city's HIV/AIDS epidemic, including successful implementation of a community planning model linking HIV prevention, treatment and housing coordination.

Joseph O'Neill, M.D., M.S., M.P.H. Former Director, White House Office of National AIDS Policy, former Acting Director of the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), where he was responsible for coordination of policy and management of the entire HHS HIV/AIDS portfolio. Former Associate Administrator for HIV/AIDS in the Health Resources and Services Administration's HIV/AIDS Bureau, directing the national Ryan White Comprehensive

AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act programs. Before joining HRSA, he was on the medical staff of the Chase Brexton Clinic, a community-based AIDS clinic in Baltimore.

Wayne J. Riley, M.D., M.P.H., MBA, FACP, President and CEO, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn, served as Vice President and Vice Dean for Health Affairs and Governmental Relations and Associate Professor of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Tex. At Houston's Ben Taub General Hospital, he was Assistant Chief of Medicine and a practicing academic general internist and a resident alumnus of Baylor's highly regarded internal medicine residency training program.



CLE Program Announcement

2009 ABA Midyear Meeting • Boston, MA

HIV and the Rule of Law: A Legal Roadmap for a New Administration

Saturday, February 14, 2009

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hynes Convention Center

Room 309, 3rd Level

Much has been done in the last eight years to address the global HIV/AIDS crisis. Yet a crisis it remains, and while billions of dollars have rightly been allocated to address the pandemic abroad, federal funds for the domestic epidemic have been flat or even cut, with potentially devastating consequences. Advocates and policymakers have therefore called for a new "National AIDS Strategy" to ensure that HIV/AIDS in the U.S. does not grow worse through creeping neglect. They also now recognize the pivotal role that laws and legal services play in stemming the spread of HIV by reducing stigma and discrimination linked to the virus and, in turn, encouraging greater HIV testing, which is critical to HIV prevention. This program will examine the domestic legal dimensions of HIV/AIDS and the key legal elements that must be part of the Obama Administration's approach to HIV/AIDS.

MODERATOR

Wendy Parmet

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SPEAKERS

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