

## **Health Law Section Committee Descriptions and Chairs/Co-chairs for 2008-2009**

**CLE- Sandy van der Vaart** [Vaarts@labcorp.com](mailto:Vaarts@labcorp.com) / **James Wall** [jwall@weblp.com](mailto:jwall@weblp.com)

This committee serves as our educational arm. Each year it puts together top notch programs on areas of current interest. This year the committee is planning two CLE programs- one will be a health law primer and one will be held in conjunction with our annual meeting in the spring.

**Ethics- Karen Schaede** [kmschaede@bellsouth.net](mailto:kmschaede@bellsouth.net)

In the event of an ethical issue with a member or if an ethical rule is passed that would have a unique impact on Section members, this committee would be responsible for formulating recommendations for the Council.

**Legislative- Robert Clay** [rmc@youngmoorelaw.com](mailto:rmc@youngmoorelaw.com) / **Sissy Holloman** [sissyholloman@parkerpoe.com](mailto:sissyholloman@parkerpoe.com)

This committee works with Kim Crouch, NCBA's Director of Governmental Affairs to monitor and respond to legislation impacting our Section and our clients. This committee keeps the Council and Section members aware of pertinent developments.

**Long Range Planning- Leighton Roper** [leighton.roper@duke.edu](mailto:leighton.roper@duke.edu)

This small committee works to develop potential long-term agenda items for the Health Law Section.

**Medico-Legal Liaison** (a committee of the NCBA)- **Harriett Smalls** [harriett.smalls@smithmoorelaw.com](mailto:harriett.smalls@smithmoorelaw.com)

This committee's focus is on maintaining good working relations between members of the legal profession and members of the health care community. A significant effort of this committee is involvement with the Medico-Legal Guidelines, their development, distribution and use.

**Membership- Marus Jimison** [marcus.jimison@ncmedboard.org](mailto:marcus.jimison@ncmedboard.org)

This committee concentrates on membership development and retention. Its goals are to determine what benefits members most want and what can be done to attract and maintain strong membership in the Section.

**Newsletter- Joe Kahn** [jkahn@nexsenpruet.com](mailto:jkahn@nexsenpruet.com) / **Jessica Lewis** [jlewis@pattersondilthey.com](mailto:jlewis@pattersondilthey.com) /  
**Andrea Wever** [westerfi@hotmail.com](mailto:westerfi@hotmail.com)

This committee publishes the Section newsletter—*Prognosis*. The newsletter, a joint project with the NC Health Lawyers Association is produced quarterly. It provides members with detailed articles on current issues as well as regular columns such as case law updates, and change of condition—a column that helps keep track of colleagues and their moves.

**Pro Bono- Patricia Markus** [trish.markus@smithmoorelaw.com](mailto:trish.markus@smithmoorelaw.com)

This committee heads up our pro bono efforts. The NCBA is participating in the 4ALL programs this year and our efforts will feed into that. Currently, and for the past several years, our Section has been working on a Safe Haven-Infant Abandonment Law project to disseminate public information about this law and health care providers' role in it.

**Special Projects- Edward Gallagher** [egallagh@pcmh.com](mailto:egallagh@pcmh.com)

This committee assists with special projects identified by the Council. Currently, this committee is working closely with the Pro Bono committee on both the 4ALL and Safe Haven-Infant Abandonment Law projects.