

## A Fond Farewell, A Welcome, and Our Plans for the Future

**W**ith this first edition of the *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* for 2002, we wish to offer our thanks to Ellen Wright Clayton, who after 18 years of service to the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics (ASLME), has stepped down as Editor-in-Chief.

Ellen Wright Clayton, M.D., J.D., is a professor of law and pediatrics, as well as the Rosalind E. Franklin Chair in Genetics and Health Policy, and Director of the Genetics and Health Policy Center at Vanderbilt University. Professor Clayton has produced prodigious scholarship and has been a leader in the fields of law, medicine, and health policy. Closer to home, she has served as Editor-in-Chief of this journal from Winter 1997 through 2001. During her time here, she set rigorous standards for peer review and excellence in all articles in the *Journal*.

We welcome as the new Editor-in-Chief, Kathleen M. Boozang, J.D., LL.M. A nationally renowned health law expert, Professor Boozang is Associate Dean of Academics at Seton Hall University School of Law, Director of its Health Law Graduate Programs, and the founder of its Health Law & Policy Program. She is the Chair of the Law, Medicine & Health Care Section of the American Association of Law Schools, and a member of the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law.

This calendar year also marks several new and exciting initiatives by ASLME for the *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*. We anticipate within the near future to publish three symposium editions: one on institutional review boards and human subject research ethics (which will be a follow-up to our Winter 2000 issue); one on public health and the law; and a third on international health and human rights. From now on, we plan to dedicate at least two issues of the *Journal* each year to a single theme. We are also pleased to announce that Mark Rothstein will serve as the section editor of our quarterly "Currents in Contemporary Ethics" column on bioethics. Professor Rothstein is the Herbert F. Boehl Chair of Law and Medicine and the Director of the Institute for Bioethics, Health Policy and Law at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

In addition, the Society recently began collaborating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on its public health and the law initiative. We hope that this new partnership will lead to more discussion in the *Journal* about improving our public health infrastructure and delivery, concerns surrounding such improvements, and the legal limitations we face in revising the public health structure as a whole.

We believe that our plans will increase both reading enjoyment as well as in-depth coverage of topics for our subscribers and members. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

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