
Calendar of Events

29th Annual Health Law Teachers Conference

Date: June 2 – 4, 2005

University of Houston

Health Law & Policy Institute

Baylor College of Medicine

Houston, Texas

University of Houston Health Law & Policy Institute and Baylor College of Medicine will co-sponsor this two day conference intended for professionals who teach law or bioethics in schools of law, medicine, public health, health care administration, pharmacy, nursing, and dentistry. The program is designed to provide participants with updates on issues at the forefront of law and medicine and to provide them with the opportunity to share strategies, ideas, and materials.

The Public's Health and the Law in the 21st Century Fourth Annual Partnership Conference on Public Health Law

Date: June 13 – 15, 2005

Atlanta, Georgia

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will co-sponsor the fourth annual public health law partnership conference, June 13-15, 2005, in Atlanta, Georgia. This conference is for everyone who is active in, or interested in, law as a tool for improved public health.

The 2005 conference program will focus on innovative legal tools and strategies for improved public health and will give special emphasis to information conference participants can use in their day-to-day practice. The conference faculty – selected intentionally to reflect the multidisciplinary composition of the conference participants – will bring a rich spectrum of perspectives to bear, exploring cutting-edge issues at the intersection of public health and the law and presenting case examples of the effective use of law as a public health tool, both domestically and internationally.

Other End of the Needle-Present and Future Policies Public Forum (free and open to the public)

ASLME's DNA Fingerprinting and Civil Liberties Project

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Date: September 16, 2005

John F. Kennedy School of Government

Harvard University

Cambridge, Massachusetts

The American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics has scheduled the fourth of four workshops for its DNA Fingerprinting and Civil Liberties project for September 16-17, 2005. The workshop includes a Public Forum on Friday, September 16, from noon to 2:00, at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Public Forum is free and open to the public.

This Public Forum is supported by the NIH through its Ethics, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) Research Program and builds on the work of the National Commission for the Future of DNA Evidence. The theme of the workshop and its Public Forum is "Views from the Other End of the Needle: Present and Future Policies." Topics to be addressed during the Public Forum include lessons learned and policy implications from DNA-based exonerations and innocence projects; DNA fingerprinting and individual rights, emerging issues of law, policy and ethics; post-conviction DNA review models; and effects of DNA forensics on families and communities.

Consultants to this project include Drs. Frederick R. Bieber, David Lazer, Philip Reilly, and Mark Rothstein. They are working closely with ASLME to organize and run each of these workshops and a national symposium. The goal of the DNA Fingerprinting and Civil Liberties Project is to create a forum with a particular focus on ethical and policy issues surrounding the forensic use of DNA technology, employing a four workshop format over a two-year period with a concluding educational symposium to be held in the late spring of 2006.

**For more information on
the Public Forum and on this unique project,
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