


MEMORANDUM

TO: Delaware State Bar Association Executive Committee

FROM: Joanne Ceballos, Chair 

DATE: May 1, 2013

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the Health Law Section

The Health Law Section engaged in the following activities during the 2012-13 Section year:

1. Section Meetings: The Section conducted three lunch meetings and one Happy Hour meeting. At each meeting a speaker gave a presentation on a current topic related to representing health care providers. The meeting dates and speakers are listed below:

Nov. 8, 2012 (Dover) Patty Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General

Dec. 11, 2012 (Wilm) Bettina Tweardy Riveros, Delaware Health Care Commission

Feb. 8, 2013 (Wilm) Matt Jones, Duane Morris LLP

April 19, 2013 (Wilm) Patrick Carter, Director, Delaware Division of Revenue
Annual Meeting, Election of Officers

Approved minutes of the meetings conducted over the last year are posted on the Section's page on the DSBA website.

2. Section CLE: On November 30, 2012, the Section presented a full-day joint CLE-CME seminar with the Medical Society of Delaware, entitled, "*Health Law 101: What Every Lawyer and Health Care Provider Should Know.*" This seminar marked the first time a joint CLE-CME course was offered in Delaware, and the Medical Society expressed an interest in partnering with the Section to offer similar seminars in the future. The seminar was attended by 20 health care professionals and 32 lawyers, in addition to 14 speakers and 4 guests.

4. Section Contribution to *Delaware Law Review*: In January 2013, Section member Nate Trexler submitted an article for publication in the upcoming issue of the *Delaware Law Review* regarding the Delaware Prescription Monitoring Program and Regulation 31 of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, addressing the standards for prescribing controlled substances for the treatment of pain.

5. Section Public Interest Activity: The Section has challenged the members of the DSBA to a blood donation drive through the Blood Bank of Delmarva. This is the DSBA's first blood

drive. The drive is currently underway and scheduled to conclude May 17, 2013. We are awaiting an update from the Blood Bank about the number of pints donated by DSBA members to date. Although the blood drive has been advertised in *In Re* and through e-mails to fellow section chairs, it would be helpful if the drive was advertised promptly via e-mail to all DSBA members. With Mother's Day just over a week away, DSBA members can be encouraged to donate in honor of their mother for Mother's Day, and the Blood Bank will provide them with a card to give to their mom stating they donated blood in her honor.

6. Section Membership: This year the Section made a consistent effort to reach out to attorneys in State government and particularly those in the Department of Justice who represent state agencies that regulate health care providers. A number of those attorneys attended Section meetings and made presentations at Section meetings and at the Section's November CLE. Hopefully this outreach effort will result in some of these attorneys joining the Section as members, as well as facilitate communication between state regulatory agencies and the members of the Section who represent regulated providers.

7. Section Officers for 2013-14: At its April 19, 2013, the Section elected the following officers for the coming year:

Chair	Teresa Cheek, Westside Health, Wilmington
Vice Chair	Diane Andrews, Bayhealth, Dover
Secretary	Shannon Brainard, Marshall Dennehey, Wilmington

In addition, Nate Trexler of Balick & Balick has agreed to chair the Section's CLE committee for the coming year.

8. Thank you to all the administrative personnel at the DSBA who throughout the year were always responsive and helpful when called upon with a question. Their efforts in coordinating the joint CLE-CME are particularly appreciated.