

PANEL TO DISCUSS PROVIDER OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ON ACCESS FOR PATIENTS

Race, ethnicity, language, culture, health literacy, mobility needs, and the concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender patients – sometimes one or a combination of these factors will have the potential to cause unique communication and/or access issues for hospitalized patients and their loved ones. Join us for a breakfast discussion regarding this important and timely topic, sponsored by AHLA's Advisory Council on Diversity. The breakfast will take place on Thursday morning, February 10, 2011 during AHLA's Hospitals and Health Systems Law Institute in Las Vegas, NV. The panelists will discuss:

- » The Joint Commission's New Standard on Patient Rights
- » The New HHS Rule on Visitation Rights
- » Best Practices on the Provision of Healthcare for the LGBT Community
- » The Business Case for Success

Please contact Katherine Wone at (202) 833-0787 or kwone@healthlawyers.org if you have any questions. More information is available online and in the program brochure for the Hospitals and Health Systems Law Institute.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY RECEPTION

Sponsored by AHLA's Advisory Council on Diversity

You are invited to attend a special reception to celebrate diversity in the health law bar, on February 9. These receptions, held since March 2005, provide a place for members and attendees to network with AHLA leaders and colleagues.

All are welcome to the *Celebrating Diversity* receptions. Program attendees as well as members in the area are encouraged to

come to help us celebrate, to learn more about the initiatives undertaken by the Diversity Council, and to share ideas about new projects that AHLA could be undertaking that would help to advance the Association's diversity efforts. The *Celebrating Diversity* reception is the perfect opportunity to make new friends and find a buddy for dinner.

If you have already registered for the Physicians and Physician Organizations Law Institute or the Hospitals and Health and Health Systems Law Institute, we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening, February 9. If you have not yet registered, we encourage you to do so. If you cannot attend the entire program but are free that evening, we would be honored to have you join us at the *Celebrating Diversity* reception.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 9, 2011

WHERE: The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas Hotel

RSVP by February 2, 2011

Please contact Andrew Hartman at ahartman@healthlawyers.org or (202) 833-0773 to RSVP or if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the reception!

INTERNSHIP: Attention All Law Students!

As part of the AHLA's initiative to cultivate more diversity among attorneys practicing health law, the organization is working to provide opportunities for talented law students of diverse backgrounds so they can learn more about this segment of the legal profession. To this end, AHLA's Advisory Council on Diversity is sponsoring its fifth Summer Diversity Internship Program, which will provide a first- or second-year law student with an eight week internship at AHLA's offices in Washington, DC.

The law student will assist both the Vice President and Senior Managing Editor of Professional Resource by editing

and cite-checking the *Journal of Health and Life Sciences Law*, *Health Lawyers Weekly*, Practice Group newsletters, and member briefings. The Intern will write case summaries for the *Health Law Digest*, interview leaders and write special profiles for and monitor/identify legal developments in health law. The Intern will also assist the Senior Manager of Public Interest by editing documents for the Public Information Series; researching topics and speakers for the Conversations with Policymakers teleconference series; assisting in the marketing of various Public Interest resources; and researching fundraising initiatives. In addition, the Intern will assist staff in serving the leadership of the Association's Advisory Council on Diversity.

Aside from writing, researching, and editing, the Intern will attend networking lunches with local health law attorneys from both small and large firms, solo practitioners, government attorneys, and in-house counsel. The Intern will attend AHLA's In-House Counsel Program and Annual Meeting in Boston, MA on June 26-29, 2011. The Annual Meeting will be a major networking opportunity for the Intern as he/she will meet with health attorneys from all over the country while attending select CLE sessions and other events during the conference.

To apply for this internship, send a formal cover letter and resume to Cynthia Conner, Vice President of Professional Resources at cconner@healthlawyers.org or fax to (202) 833-1105. Applications will be accepted until Monday, February 7, 2011 and a final selection made by mid-March 2011.