

## Alliance Agreement

This Agreement is between the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) and

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The American Health Lawyers Association believes that a mechanism should be in place through which state and local healthcare law organizations and AHLA can establish an alliance for mutually beneficial purposes.

AHLA and the organization agree that the goals of the alliance will be to facilitate the dissemination of information useful to our respective members, to increase and enhance educational and networking opportunities for our members, to increase the value of membership in each organization, and to provide a foundation for future initiatives to share resources, reduce costs and enhance services, without increasing risks or costs of either organization.

**Website.** AHLA will list state alliances on its Website (at [www.healthlawyers.org](http://www.healthlawyers.org)) and will provide a link over to the State organization's website. The State organization agrees to provide (and update as appropriate) information regarding its officers and directors, including their terms of office and how they may be contacted; information about the organization and its activities and projects; and how new members may apply for membership. AHLA may post this information on its Website, subject to internal policies, space and staff resource limitations, and providing the state organization provides regular updates. If a state organization maintains a Website of its own, it agrees to include similar information regarding AHLA on its website as well as a link back to AHLA.

**AHLA Annual Meeting.** AHLA will facilitate networking among members of the State organization who are in attendance at the AHLA Annual Meeting. It requests that the State organization post information about the AHLA Annual Meeting on its website (if it has one) and to use any other electronic form of communication that it uses to communicate with its members to send out an announcement of its support for the AHLA Annual Meeting (and to include a link to the AHLA website for registration purposes). AHLA agrees to provide the State organization with the content for posting on the State's website and for use in the State's electronic communications.

In return, AHLA agrees to facilitate networking among and the participation of State leaders at the AHLA Annual Meeting by (a) including a listing for the State organization in the virtual tradeshow online; (b) providing a 25% registration fee discount to the incumbent President or President-elect of the State organization; and (c) acknowledging in its Annual Meeting materials the participation and sponsorship of the State organization.

Upon request, should the State organization desire an opportunity to network and discuss state health law developments and state implications of other health law

developments during the AHLA Annual Meeting, it may request AHLA to make available meeting space for the State organization to use. AHLA will make every effort to accommodate the request. If the request can be accommodated, space will be scheduled at times when other educational sessions are not offered, and priority will be given to State organizations with the largest number of members registered for the AHLA Annual Meeting.

**Nature of Alliance.** The relationship described above will not be deemed to be a joint venture relationship. Each party will be an independent contractor under the terms of this Agreement. Neither party will have the right to act or undertake any commitment on behalf of the other, or to purport to speak on behalf of the other. The consideration for this Agreement will be the mutual promises and undertakings of each party, including the costs and staff time required for compliance, and no financial obligations of any kind are created by this Agreement. Future initiatives recommended by the Boards of AHLA and the State organization, if any, will be reflected in a written amendment to this Agreement or a new agreement, as mutually agreed by the parties. This Agreement does not constitute a commitment to enter into any future agreement or amendment.

**Term of Agreement.** This Affiliation Agreement is for a one (1) year term beginning on the date below. This Agreement is terminable by either Association upon thirty (30) days' written notice and will be automatically renewed at the anniversary date for another year unless previously terminated.

Entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**AMERICAN HEALTH LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AHLA)**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**(State Organization)**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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