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### **Annual Meeting of Health Lawyers to Focus on Health Reform; Keynote Address from Gates Foundation Co-Chair**

**Washington, DC, June 3, 2010** – The American Health Lawyers Association will hold its Annual Meeting from June 28-30, 2010 in Seattle, WA, covering a wide variety of health law topics, including a particular emphasis on healthcare reform and its legal implications for various sectors of the healthcare community.

“AHLA’s Annual Meeting is a place where health lawyers and other health professionals from around the country can learn from one another, network within the health law community, and get to know one of the greatest cities on the West Coast.” said AHLA CEO Peter Leibold. “With the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and all that has happened in health law over the past year, this meeting is going to be the premier program to inform clients and their counsel about the significant implications of healthcare reform.”

The General Session on Monday June 28 will kick off with a Keynote Address by Bill Gates Sr., Co-Chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, who will address the work being done by their Global Health Program. The Monday General Session will also include a Keynote Address from U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) who will provide attendees with his insight into the many implications and ramifications of health reform.

AHLA’s Annual Meeting serves as the culmination of the Association’s educational year. The Annual Meeting provides a forum for networking and interaction with colleagues, friends, and family as well as an outstanding educational event. Throughout the program, members will attend breakout sessions on various topics delivered by leading private practitioners, in-house counsel and government representatives, spend time networking with colleagues at the breakfasts, Practice Group luncheons and receptions and enjoy all that Seattle has to offer.

The program will take place at the Sheraton Seattle and Grand Hyatt Seattle in Seattle, WA from June 28-30. The Annual Meeting is preceded by the In-House Counsel Program on June 27, 2010. More information on both programs can be found at [www.healthlawyers.org/annual](http://www.healthlawyers.org/annual).

Complimentary registrations to this program are available to members of the press and media. Contact Andrew Hartman ([ahartman@healthlawyers.org](mailto:ahartman@healthlawyers.org)) or M.J. McLaughlin ([mmclaughlin@healthlawyers.org](mailto:mmclaughlin@healthlawyers.org)) for more information.

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