

Practice Groups



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The American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) provides many networking opportunities and resources that allow you to stay connected, informed, and involved. We know that your time is limited, and that you need to stay up-to-date on late-breaking issues, find answers quickly, and have access to exceptional tools to better serve your clients. Practice Group enrollment offers you all that you need and more . . .

Practice Groups are composed of AHLA members who share a similar work setting or interest in specific areas of health law. Practice Group members also share a desire to increase their level of expertise in and knowledge of health law issues, grow professionally, gain valuable leadership experience, and network with other health lawyers from across the country. Become a part of a community—6,500 members strong—and join one or more AHLA Practice Groups today!

Currently there are sixteen Practice Groups:

- Antitrust;
- Business Law and Governance;
- Fraud and Abuse;
- Health Information and Technology;
- Healthcare Liability and Litigation;
- Hospitals and Health Systems;
- In-House Counsel;
- Labor and Employment;
- Life Sciences;
- Long Term Care, Senior Housing, In-Home Care, and Rehabilitation;
- Medical Staff, Credentialing, and Peer Review;
- Payors, Plans, and Managed Care;
- Physician Organizations;
- Regulation, Accreditation, and Payment;
- Tax and Finance; and
- Teaching Hospitals and Academic Medical Centers.



Enrollment is open to all AHLA members. There is a nominal fee to join a Practice Group; if you enroll in at least four Practice Groups, you also have the option to gain access to the benefits of the remaining twelve Practice Groups for a nominal fee.

The Value Proposition

When you enroll in a Practice Group, you will find the value exceeds the cost. As a Practice Group member, you receive the following:

- FREE Email Alerts on breaking news and developments;
- FREE Electronic Newsletters;
- Substantial savings on registration for Webinars that are sponsored by the Practice Groups;
- FREE registration to Roundtable Discussions (formerly Brown Bags) sponsored by many Practice Groups and/or access to recordings and materials after they are held;
- FREE Member Briefings and Executive Summaries on important issues;
- FREE Toolkits of resources to benefit your practice;
- FREE Tutorials you can listen to at your computer or on the go;
- Discounted luncheon discussions held at AHLA's in-person programs;
- Special Practice Group enrollees-only areas on the AHLA's website at www.healthlawyers.org/pgs;
- Networking opportunities you cannot get anywhere else; and
- Additional timely updates and numerous benefits offered by Affinity Groups and Task Forces that are sponsored by the Practice Groups.



Collectively, in 2010-2011, Practice Groups published **25** newsletters, **19** Executive Summaries, **8** Member Briefings, and **12** feature articles in *AHLA Connections*; sponsored **49** webinars (reaching more than 5,000 participants) and **17** roundtable discussions (reaching more than 1600 participants); issued more than **620** email alerts; produced **12** tutorials; released **2** new toolkits in addition to **12** existing toolkits; and continued to sponsor **22** Affinity Groups and **23** Discussion Lists (with more than 28,450 subscribers and over 4,200 messages sent).

To access detailed information on webinars, roundtable discussions, newsletters, member briefings, executive summaries, *AHLA Connections* feature articles, tutorials, and to view the hundreds of volunteers that made all of these publications and activities possible, please visit: www.healthlawyers.org/PG/Volunteers

Need more reasons to join? Access samples of the vast range of benefits that Practice Groups provide at: www.healthlawyers.org/PG/Benefits

For a list of Practice Group leaders (by Practice Group), please visit: www.healthlawyers.org/PG/Leadership

To contact the Practice Groups staff, please email pgs@healthlawyers.org.

Ready to join or get involved?

Please call AHLA at (202) 833-1100, and select prompt #2, or mail in the enrollment form found on page 6.



Practice Group Descriptions

Antitrust: addresses public and private enforcement activity and competition policy affecting all sectors of the healthcare industry.

Business Law and Governance: addresses the financial, regulatory, and operational issues faced by for-profit and nonprofit entities in the healthcare industry.

Fraud and Abuse: provides summaries and analysis of relevant judicial, administrative, and settlement decisions, as well as regulatory developments regarding enforcement efforts and compliance responses.

Health Information and Technology: addresses legal issues arising from the use of information and communications technology in healthcare.

Healthcare Liability and Litigation: addresses issues that encompass all areas of potential liability and developments in litigation that affect healthcare providers, suppliers, and manufacturers.

Hospitals and Health Systems: addresses the legal, financial, and operational issues raised by healthcare business strategies and transactions from the perspective of hospitals and health systems.

In-House Counsel: addresses the day-to-day, practical legal issues arising from the interpretation and application of law and regulations to the operations of healthcare providers, payors, regulators, manufacturers, and suppliers.

Labor and Employment: addresses industry concerns related to healthcare employment law and other labor and employment issues as they relate to employers in the healthcare and life science industries.

Life Sciences: provides resources on pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers, biotechnology companies, research and site management organizations, manufacturing and supplier vendors, prescription drug plans, wholesale distributors,



retail and specialty pharmacies, pharmacy benefit managers, and the financial services firms that invest in these entities.

Long Term Care, Senior Housing, In-Home Care, and Rehabilitation: follows and addresses developments in the long term care segment of the healthcare industry; and provides practical analysis of these legal and business trends.

Medical Staff, Credentialing, and Peer Review: provides a forum for those who represent and advise the individual healthcare professional, the collective medical or professional staff, and/or the healthcare entity with issues regarding the organization and operations of medical and professional staffs.

Payors, Plans, and Managed Care: addresses all legal issues concerning health plans and insurers, including but not limited to plan operations and management, managed care, litigation, regulations, privacy, and security.

Physician Organizations: addresses issues encountered in physician-hospital joint ventures and contractual arrangements, credentialing practices, physician group practice structures, compensation methodologies, and the current professional liability insurance crisis.

Regulation, Accreditation, and Payment: addresses issues related to reimbursement and coverage, including Medicare and other government payor laws, regulations, and instructions, as well as issues related to healthcare organizational accreditation.

Tax and Finance: addresses tax and financial issues faced by nonprofit and for-profit attorneys.

Teaching Hospitals and Academic Medical Centers: addresses the legal issues arising from regulations on the operations of healthcare providers, payors, regulators, and suppliers as they affect teaching hospitals and academic medical centers.



To Enroll in Practice Group(s)

An individual must be a current AHLA member to join a Practice Group. Please note that the enrollment period is matched to the individual's membership expiration, e.g., if nine months of AHLA membership remain, your Practice Group enrollment will also lapse in nine months to enable you to renew your membership and Practice Group enrollment(s) at the same time in the future.

Name _____

Member ID# _____

Firm/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

YES, I'm a current AHLA member and I want to add these Practice Group(s) for \$50/each:

- Antitrust (03)
- Business Law and Governance (18)
- Fraud and Abuse (04)
- Health Information and Technology (05)
- Healthcare Liability and Litigation (06)
- Hospitals and Health Systems (08)
- In-House Counsel (01)
- Labor and Employment (07)
- Life Sciences (17)



___ Long Term Care, Senior Housing, In-Home Care, and Rehabilitation (13)

___ Medical Staff, Credentialing, and Peer Review (09)

___ Payors, Plans, and Managed Care (12)

___ Physician Organizations (14)

___ Regulation, Accreditation, and Payment (10)

___ Tax and Finance (11)

___ Teaching Hospitals and Academic Medical Centers (02)

___ **I've joined at least four Practice Groups and want to add electronic access to the remaining Practice Groups for an additional \$75**

Number of PG(s): ____ (at \$50 each) = \$_____

'PG15' Electronic Access (at \$75) = \$_____

Total: = \$_____

___ **Check/Money Order (U.S. Dollars, payable to American Health Lawyers Association)**

Credit Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

ZIP Code of Cardholder's Billing Address: _____

Send this form with payment to: AHLA, PO Box 79340, Baltimore, MD 21279-0340.

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Practice Groups Glossary

Affinity Group – networking opportunity for colleagues who share similar professional interests. An Affinity Group provides targeted benefits and education to a sub-specialty or subset of AHLA members and are sponsored by Practice Groups. There is no cost to join, but one has to be an AHLA member and enrolled in the sponsoring Practice Group to participate. Individuals are encouraged to participate in the activities sponsored by the Affinity Group.

Discussion List – valuable avenue for members to dialogue with one another. Most existing AHLA lists are sponsored by a Practice Group. There is no cost to subscribe, and most lists are open to anyone who wishes to participate.

Email Alert – timely update written by Practice Group volunteer(s) that is posted online and distributed via email to members enrolled in the Practice Group.

Executive Summary – up-to-date, sometimes fast-breaking report on a case, issue, or other development in health law written by Practice Group volunteer(s) and distributed electronically to members of the sponsoring Practice Group(s).

Feature Article – each issue of *AHLA Connections* magazine contains a timely and informative feature article produced by Practice Group volunteers.

Luncheon – all Practice Groups have two in-person networking events during the year in conjunction with a sister program and the Annual Meeting. Members of the Practice Group receive a special discount when they register.

Member Briefing – detailed analysis of a particular issue or noteworthy development in health law written by Practice Group volunteer(s) and distributed electronically to members of the sponsoring Practice Group(s). Serves as a valuable desktop reference for practitioners seeking an in-depth understanding of the subject.



Newsletter – provides overview and insight on a variety of new developments. It is an important resource for busy practitioners looking for the high points to help them manage issues relevant to their practice. Newsletters are distributed electronically to members enrolled in the Practice Group.

Roundtable Discussion – interactive, hour-long, web-based presentation planned and executed by Affinity Groups and/or Practice Groups. Participants view the speakers' presentations in real time. Features expert faculty, and both online and live question-and-answer session. Complimentary to members of sponsoring Practice Group(s).

Task Force – for those health law topics that cross several Practice Groups, a task force is established to produce substantive resources for the sponsoring Practice Groups' members (e.g., Accountable Care Organization Task Force). There is no cost to join, but you must be a member of one of the sponsoring Practice Groups to access the Task Force's site and to receive discounts on registration to Task Force-sponsored webinars.

Toolkit – collection of resources and information on selected healthcare topics, accessible online to members of the sponsoring Practice Group(s).

Tutorial – pre-recorded, brief audio lesson on a topic of interest pertaining to members, featuring faculty with expertise on the selected topic. Sponsoring Practice Group members may access (and download) the recording and support materials on the Practice Group website.

Working Group – a group of volunteers created to address specific projects within the scope of a Practice Group or Task Force.

Webinar – interactive, web-based seminar planned and executed by Practice Groups. Participants view the speakers' presentations in real time. Features expert faculty, online and live question-and-answer session, and CLE credits in eligible states. Sponsoring Practice Group members receive a special discount when they register.



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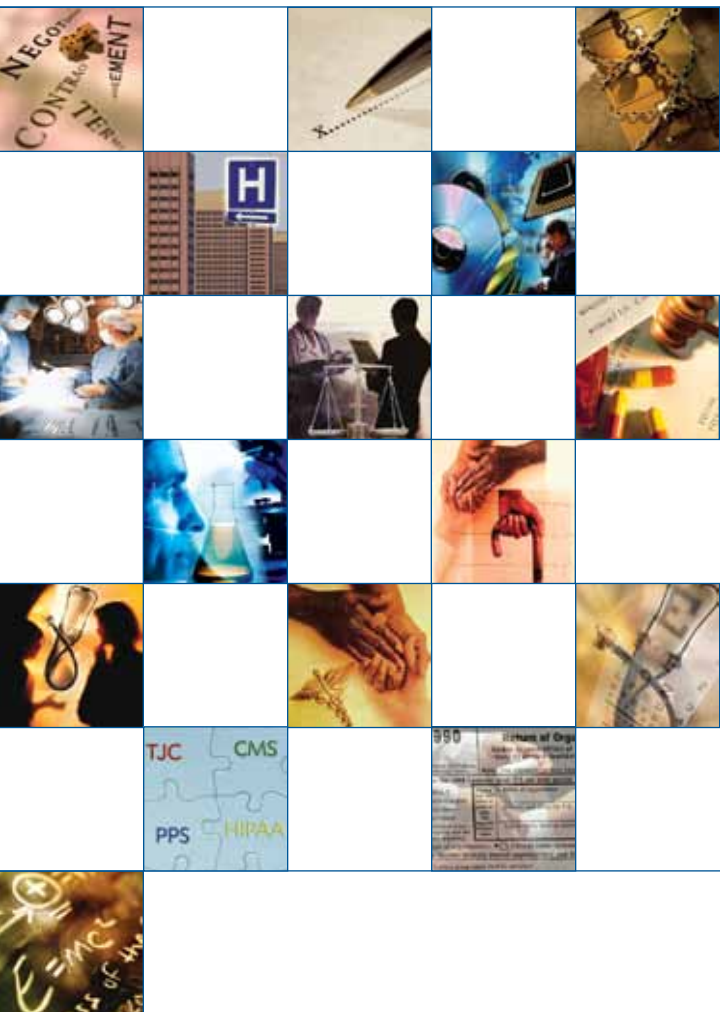
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