



**Special Committee on
Bioethics and the Law**



2011 MIDYEAR MEETING GUIDE TO BIOETHICS RELATED PROGRAMS



ATLANTA
ABA 2011 Midyear Meeting
February 9-15

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES

**Saturday, February 12
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Auburn, Atlanta Conference Center

Please join the Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law and a panel of national and local experts as they discuss the need to consider the importance of social justice in any healthcare setting. As we seek to provide and create a viable healthcare system, we have an obligation to ensure that our traditionally underserved populations are not left behind. All of this can be achieved through the law, community-based efforts and education. Our thought provoking roundtable will focus on these important and timely topics as well as any other issues the audience would like to bring to the table.

Panelists:

Kim E. Anderson, JD

Chief Executive Officer, Families First, Atlanta, GA

Nanette R. Elster, JD, MPH

Director, Health Law Institute

DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL

Kayhan P. Parsi, JD, PhD

Associate Professor of Bioethics & Health Policy

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Stephen O. Sodeke, PhD, MA

Associate Director & Professor

Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics, Tuskegee, AL

ROLE OF LAW AND THE COURTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Sponsored by the Special Committee on Disaster Preparedness

Saturday, February 12

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

M304, Marquis Level, Marriott Atlanta Marquis

Disaster preparedness plans have the potential to protect at-risk populations from harm and maintain or quickly restore the routines or functions of civil society. But even the most thorough and prescient plan will fall short if it does not reach across professional jurisdictions and agencies. Legal experts representing emergency preparedness in two sectors —Public Health and the Judiciary – will discuss balancing federal, state and local power and responsibilities; balancing the common good with safeguarding of individual liberties; preserving the rule of law; and building on existing emergency response coordination mechanisms and structures wherever possible.

Moderator:

Jean O'Connor, Atlanta, GA

Speakers:

Denise Chrysler, Ann Arbor, MI

James N. "Jim" Hatten, Atlanta, GA

George B. Huff, Jr., Washington, DC

Priscilla D. Keith, Indianapolis, IN

Amy L. Major, Baltimore, MD

Dana Reed Wise, Indianapolis, IN

DO WORKPLACE WELLNESS PROGRAMS PROMOTE HEALTH, COST-SAVING OR DISCRIMINATION?

Sponsored by the Section of Individual Rights & Responsibilities

Saturday, February 12

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A701, Atrium Level, Marriott Atlanta Marquis

A growing number of employers, as well as public and private health insurance programs, are adopting wellness programs to prevent or control chronic diseases among their employees and to reduce costs. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 encourage greater use of wellness programs. This panel examines how wellness programs may shape the law governing employment and health insurance coverage. How effective are such programs? What requirements or incentives should private employers offer to improve their employees' health or reduce health expenditures? Can or should the beneficiaries of public health benefit programs like Medicaid be subject to similar conditions or incentives? Will such programs change public attitudes toward eligibility for employment and health benefits?

Moderator:

Wendy Mariner, Boston, MA

Speakers:

Jason Lang MPH, MS, Atlanta, GA

Leonard H. Glantz, Boston, MA

Rebecca Hanner White, Athens, GA