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Health Law & Policy Institute Does It Again

Another Faculty Member is Named Dean of a Law School

Mary Anne Bobinski, director of the Health Law & Policy Institute, has been named Dean of the University of British Columbia Law School. A member of the University of Houston Law Center faculty since 1989, Professor Bobinski has served as director of the Institute for over two years. She assumes her post in Vancouver in the summer. "I have been honored to lead the Institute during a time of exciting growth and change," stated Professor Bobinski. Nancy Rapoport, Dean of the University of Houston Law Center, noted "It seems as if there's something in the water, when HL&PI has provided a springboard for two of its best—Laura Rothstein and Mary Anne Bobinski—to become deans of other law schools. Although we're very sorry to lose Mary Anne, we wish her all the best."

Joan H. Krause

William J. Winslade

Professor Bryan A. Liang, M.D., Ph.D., J.D., takes the reins from Professor Bobinski and will serve as interim director of the Institute. Professor Bobinski remarked "Dr. Liang brings an international reputation for excellence in scholarship and teaching, and I am excited about his vision for the future of the Institute."

Professors Joan H. Krause and William J. Winslade will contribute to the Institute leadership as associate directors. Professor Krause, who has been with the Institute for two years, will assume responsibility for directing the Institute's academic programs. Professor Winslade, currently Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law and Associate Director for Graduate Programs, will continue his role directing graduate programs, and he will become the Institute's government relations liaison.

Bryan A. Liang

Professor Liang joined the Health Law & Policy Institute faculty in the fall of 2002 as a Visiting Professor. Professor Liang received his J.D. at Harvard Law School in 1995, his M.D. at Columbia University in 1991, his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in 1989, and his B.S. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1983. His research focuses on legal issues as they affect health care quality, particularly patient safety. In the fall, he will teach Law, Medicine & Public Policy at the University of Houston Law Center and Legal Issues in Health Care at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He will teach Health Law I at the University of Houston Law Center in the spring.

Professor Liang stated, "I am of course honored that the Dean and Health Law & Policy Institute faculty have chosen me to be the Institute's interim director. The leadership of Mary Anne Bobinski and Mark Rothstein has made the Institute the top-ranked health law program in the United States, and I hope to continue that tradition. Our society faces important issues that invoke health law and policy on a daily basis. We are indeed fortunate to have the talent and energy in the Institute to serve the legal, medical, and policy communities in these important areas. I very much look forward to assisting the Institute in any way I can in these endeavors."

Dean Rapoport added, "I'm very excited about the leadership that Bryan Liang will bring to HL&PI, and I'm also excited that Joan Krause will join Bill Winslade as an Associate Director. The best part about HL&PI is that it is strong enough to thrive during transition times."

Health Law Program Ranked #1

In April 2003, *U.S. News and World Report* again named the health law program at the University of Houston Law Center the number one health law program in the nation. The health law programs were ranked by faculty who teach in the field.

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Selected Recent Faculty Publications

• Bryan A. Liang, *Communicating about Care: Addressing Federal-State Issues in Peer Review and Mediation to Promote Patient Safety*, HOUSTON JOURNAL OF HEALTH LAW & POLICY (2003), forthcoming (with Steven D. Small).

• Mary Anne Bobinski, *Health Disparities and the Law: Wrongs in Search of a Right*, 29 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LAW & MEDICINE 363-380 (2003).

• Mary Anne Bobinski, *Briefing for the Texas Legislature, Constitutional Analysis of the Model State Emergency Public Health Act* (2002)(with Joseph Wang, Phyllis Epps, and Melanie Margolis)

• Seth J. Chandler, *Simpler Games: Using Cellular Automata to Model Social Interaction*, PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICA SYMPOSIUM (forthcoming July 2003).

• Joan H. Krause, *Regulation, Information, and Litigation: A Conceptual Model of Health Care Fraud Enforcement*, 12 JOURNAL OF LAW & POLICY (forthcoming Fall 2003).

• Ellen Marrus, *Best Interests = Zealous Advocacy: A Not So Radical View of Holistic Representation for Children Accused of Crime*, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2003).

• Ellen Marrus, *How Gault Plays In Texas*, JUVENILE JUSTICE UPDATE (forthcoming 2003).

• Richard Saver, *Squandering the Gain: Gainsharing and the Continuing Dilemma of Physician Financial Incentives*, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW (forthcoming Fall 2003).

• William P. Streng, Supplement 2003-1 to Bittker, Emory & Streng, *Federal Income Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders—Forms* (Two volumes; Fourth Edition), Warren, Gorham & Lamont/RIAG, forthcoming.

• Ronald Turner, *When the Court Makes Law & Policy* (*With Special Reference to the Employment Arbitration Issue*), 19 HOFSTRA LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW JOURNAL 287 (2002).

• Paul G. Arshagouni, "*Responding to Health Care Emergencies: Licensure, Credentialing Delegation of Authority and Liability*," prepared for the Texas Department of Health as part of the State's evaluation of its public health preparedness in the face of a potential bioterrorist incident.

• Ronald L. Scott, *Health Insurance Coverage for Tobacco Dependence*, report to the Texas Department of Health (completed February 2003).

• Ronald L. Scott, *The Activated Patient Revisited*, MORE THAN MEDICINE (May 2003).

• Ronald L. Scott, Alfred McAlister, Ronald L. Scott, Sam Nixon: *Can Higher Taxes Help End Texas' Dependence on Tobacco*, TEXAS MEDICINE (March 2003).

• Ronald L. Scott, *Prompt Payment Update*, INTERNAL MEDICINE WORLD REPORTS (February 2003).

Selected Recent Faculty Presentations and Media Interviews

• Seth J. Chandler, KUHT, interviewed regarding privacy under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, April 2003.

• Leslie Griffin, *Hiding Behind the First Amendment*, Panel Discussion at the Albany Law School Public Forum on The Crisis in the Catholic Church, December 3, 2002.

• Leslie Griffin was interviewed by local TV about the panel discussion at the Albany Law School Public Forum on The Crisis in the Catholic Church and participated in the NPR radio program, "*The Law*," December 3, 2002.

• Ellen Marrus, *The Current State of Juvenile Justice System in Texas*, Town Hall meeting sponsored by Representative Sylvester Turner and the University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas, January 30, 2003.

• Paul G. Arshagouni, *Public Health Preparedness and the Model State Emergency Health Powers Act: An Evaluation of the MSEHPA and Its Ability to Address the Threats Posed by Bioterrorism and Naturally Occurring Epidemics*, Michigan State University, December 6, 2002.

• Melanie R. Margolis, interviewed by the HOUSTON CHRONICLE concerning hot topics in the Texas Legislature that may affect the Houston medical community, January 9, 2003.

• Ronald L. Scott, KUHF radio, regarding the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy rule, April 14, 2003.