

Upcoming PHLA/ASLME Virtual Seminars

June 15, 1:00 - 1:30PM EST

*"Public Health and Civil Rights,"
Marice Ashe JD, MPH, Director,
Public Health Law & Policy,
Oakland, CA*

July 9, 1:00 - 1:30PM EST

*"Distracted Driving: Public Health
Meets the Technological Imperative,"
Peter D. Jacobson, JD, MPH,
Professor of Health Law and Policy,
Director, Center for Law, Ethics,
and Health, University of Michigan
School of Public Health*

August 24, 1:00 - 1:30PM EST

*"Providing Newborn Screening
Specimens for Research: Legal Is-
sues Faced by State Health Depart-
ments," Denise Chrysler, JD, Public
Health Legal Director, Michigan
Department of Community Health*

Virtual Seminars are monthly 30 minute teleconference seminars that provide public health lawyers, practitioners, scholars, students, and others an opportunity to dialogue on topics and issues of emerging public health law with experts in the field.

These seminars are jointly hosted by the PHLA, the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics (ASLME), and the Public Health Law Research Program at the Temple Beasley School of Law. Please email jjarias@asu.edu register for these teleconference.



Using Law, Policy, and Research
to Improve the Public's Health
A NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Save the Date - September 13-15, 2010

On September 13-15, 2010, ASLME, PHLA, and other partners will host: **Using Law, Policy, and Research to Improve the Public's Health: A National Conference** in Atlanta, GA, with generous support of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Conference Goals: The goals of this national conference are to (1) examine the role of law and policy in promoting, protecting, and improving global and domestic public health; and (2) help build effective partnerships to accomplish public health law and policy objectives.

Content: In addition to plenary sessions featuring **Dr. Tom Frieden**, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and **Dr. James Marks**, Senior Vice President, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, an array of concurrent and training sessions during the conference are designed to address major legal and policy themes in communicable and chronic disease prevention and control (including lessons learned from the H1N1 pandemic); global, national, tribal, state, and local health law and policy; research in public health law and policy, relationships among public and private partners, and critical, emerging issues in public health law, policy, and ethics.

For more information about the conference, including a current agenda, or to register please visit <http://www.aslme.org/Calendar> or email Katie Johnson, Conference Director at ASLME at kjohnson@aslme.org.

Registrations are now being accepted. **Note** - Full Members of PHLA are entitled to a \$50.00 conference registration discount. To register, please visit ASLME's website at: <http://www.aslme.org/PHL2010-online-registration>.

Summary of Recent PHLA/ASLME Virtual Seminars

March, 2010 - "Firearm Laws Following Heller and McDonald: Public Health Implications"

Led by **Jon Vernick**, JD, MPH, Associate Professor, The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, this seminar included summaries of the *Heller* (2008) and recent *McDonald* gun-control cases (argued 2010) in the U.S. Supreme Court. In *Heller*, the Court determined that the Second Amendment, while not unlimited, protects an individual right to keep and bear arms, and invalidated the District of Columbia's strict handgun ban. In *McDonald* the Court considers whether the Second Amendment should be incorporated against the states through the Due Process or Privileges or Immunities Clauses.

April, 2010 - "Updates and Reforms to the HIPAA Privacy Rule from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act"

Led by **Sharona Hoffman**, JD, LLM, Professor, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, this seminar outlined reforms to the HIPAA Privacy Rule contained in the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (HITECH), effective February 2010. HITECH expands the Privacy Rule definition of "covered entity" to include business associates of covered entities but continues to exclude others who handle health information, such as employers. It also enhances enforcement powers of the Privacy Rule through the federal Department of Health & Human Services.

May, 2010 - "Seattle City- King County Regulation: Calorie Labeling on Restaurant Menus"

Moderated by **Susan Allan**, MD, JD, MPH, Director of the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice & Associate Professor, Department of Health Services, University of Washington, this seminar reviewed the legal authority, implementation process, and empirical evidence supporting calorie labeling on restaurant menus. **Amy Eiden**, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, King County, discussed the state legal authority concerning local government's ability to implement and enforce regulations requiring some restaurants in King County to post calorie information. **Dennis Worsham**, Regional Health Officer, Public Health – Seattle King County, further discussed implementation of the regulation, noting a 91% compliance rate. **Christina Roberto**, Researcher, Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity, Yale University, examined the empirical basis for menu labeling nationally, noting that some studies have shown that labeling can change consumer behavior.

More detailed summaries are available at <http://www.phla.info/events.html>

NOMINATIONS FOR 2010 PHLA AWARDS

Nominations for the 2010 PHLA Awards are now requested. Individuals and entities in the U.S. and abroad are eligible. Recipients will be honored at the PHLA reception at the upcoming national public health law conference on Sept. 13, 2010 in Atlanta, GA. Nominations are due by **June 15, 2010**. For more information, or to nominate an individual, group, or organization, please see PHLA's website at <http://www.phla.info/>.

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