

2007-2008 ACTION PLAN
ABA HEALTH LAW SECTION
PHYSICIAN ISSUES INTEREST GROUP
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I. INTEREST GROUP STRUCTURE

- A.** Interest Group leaders will take responsibility and recruit additional support for chairing subcommittees/task forces to address at least the following areas:
1. Publications
 2. Communications;
 3. CLE Teleconferences;
 4. Recruiting; and
 5. Membership Project.
- B.** Each IG leader will identify IG members to assist in these responsibilities and assume leadership roles, as a means of expanding active participation in the IG.

II. MEMBERSHIP

- A.** Welcome Message.
1. Each time a new member joins the IG, the IG Co-Chair in charge of membership will send an email message welcoming person to the IG. Periodically, messages will be provided to the membership informing them of upcoming events and participation opportunities and asking about interests.
- B.** Quarterly Interest Group Conference Calls.
1. IG leadership will conduct quarterly interest group teleconferences. These teleconferences will address administrative matters, promote IG opportunities, promote upcoming events and will include a short substantive segment in a hot issue.
- C.** Polls.

1. IG leaders will periodically poll the IG membership regarding interests, hot topics, desired activities and ideas to enhance the IG and increase membership.
- D.** Law Conference Social Events.
1. IG leadership in attendance at the Washington, D.C. Healthcare Summit will organize a breakfast for IG members in attendance. IG breakfast meeting is planned to occur on 12/04/07.
- E.** Organize/hold an IG-wide luncheon and business meeting for EMI attendees to ensure that IG activities address members' priority concerns and to enhance member participation throughout the year.
- F.** Email blasts to be sent in November 2007, March 2008, and August 2008 informing members of IG activities, events planned, volunteer opportunities, recent legal developments.
- G.** Interest Group Conference Calls which will include "mini" presentations and will also be used as a service to the Interest Group. These are scheduled for January 2008, May 2008 and July 2008.

III. PUBLICATIONS

- A.** Organize articles for September 2008 ABA *eSource*.
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- B.** Identify articles appropriate for publication in Health Lawyer, periodicals, books, and monographs, as appropriate.

IV. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- A.** Emerging Issues Conference – February 20-22, 2008
1. Organize a break-out session and panel discussion regarding On-Call issues in hospitals and related EMTALA and legal concerns.
 2. Provide advisory support to the Council and its Program Committee in its development of those aspects of the EMI program relating to physician issues.
- B.** The IG will publicize and hold at least two IG-wide teleconferences.
1. The first of these teleconferences will occur in January and be used to advance the February 2008 Emerging Issues Conference. The second of these teleconferences will be held in April 2008. Both teleconferences will address hot issues of interest to the IG.

2. We will be publicizing and conducting two educational teleconferences. The first will be held in April 2008 and the second will be in September 2008.
- C. Assist Section's Program Committee in its exploration of potential educational programs relating to physician issues.
- D. The IG will assist in the facilitation and participation in the ABA Physician-Legal Issues Conference held in Chicago in June of 2008.

V. TECHNOLOGY

- A. Use conference calls for IG organizational meetings.
- B. Use teleconference calls for CLE and investigate the possibility of Webinars.
- C. Maintain IG Lists Serve and email blasts to allow immediate communication within the IG to inform members of new developments, address questions and to increase member participation.
- D. Add links and other helpful information to IG website
[<http://www.abanet.org/health/managed/home.html>]
- E. Use Website more effectively and update more frequently with communications and topics of interest.

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2007-2008 CALENDAR**

October 6, 2007	Speakers for EMI Conference due
November 2007	Email blast to membership alerting of at least 9 opportunities to volunteer with Interest Group, also advising of upcoming meetings, including Washington Summit and Save The Date for EMI Conference, and need for articles for Esource
December 3-4, 2007	Washington Healthcare Summit and IG breakfast
January 2008	Interest Group Telephone Conference Call advising recipients about EMI
February 20-22, 2008	Emerging Issues Conference with Presentation of IG Breakout session on EMTALA and Breakfast Meetingbreakfast luncheon
March 14, 2008	IG Email Blast to Membership
April 2008	IG Educational teleconference
May 2008	IG Conference Call advising about Physician Issues Conference
June 19, 2008	Physician-Legal Issues Conference program with interrelated programming with American Medical Association programming
July 2008	Year-end report and IG Telephone Conference Call
August 2008	Email Blast to IG membership
September 2008	Educational Teleconference and Publication of E-source article to be prepared by a member of the Interest Group
October 2008	Organizational Meeting for 2009