

Golden Quotes from Past Presidents

Golden Quotes come directly from AHLA's Past Presidents and illuminate—through their eyes—what is special about our esteemed Association. We like to think that these quotes serve as a bridge that brings together AHLA's past with our golden future. We are indebted to all of the Past Presidents for their service and commitment. We are infinitely stronger because of them.

“AHLA is a community of peers who truly care for one another. There is very little competition within our ranks. We freely share our expertise and opportunities. Every organization claims to be collegial, but collegiality is in our DNA. Our stability and steady growth speak to that.”

PETER A. PAVARINI | 2014-2015

“What distinguishes AHLA? The collegiality. It's an enormously welcoming and supportive organization.”

KRISTEN B. ROSATI | 2013-2014

“With AHLA I have formed professional relationships and close personal friendships with attorneys and their spouses across the country.”

DINETIA M. NEWMAN | 2012-2013

“AHLA is the information source and a great organization for networking opportunities.”

GERALD M. GRIFFITH | 2011-2012

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“In AHLA, volunteers act solely in the best interest of the Association, without regard for competitive or personal interest.”

RICHARD L. SHACKELFORD | 2010-2011

AHLA is a uniquely entrepreneurial group of gifted attorneys of endless good humor and generosity who define and shape the emerging health care law practice.

ELIZABETH B. CARDER-THOMPSON | 2009-2010

AHLA has always done this well—provide timely, accurate, in-depth, insightful and practical educational resources to its members.

JOEL M. HAMME | 2008-2009

What AHLA gave me: an opportunity to work closely with other experienced health lawyers who graciously shared their thought processes and practice experiences on myriad issues.

ELISABETH BELMONT | 2007-2008

AHLA has introduced me to the brightest and most energetic health lawyers in the country.

ANTHEA R. DANIELS | 2006-2007

Annual Meetings are events my wife enjoys as I much as I do.

S. ALLAN ADELMAN | 2005-2006

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AHLA provided a great opportunity to have friends in every port.

RICHARD G. COWART | 2004-2005

The increasing complexity and expansion of health law is reflected in AHLA's educational programming and publications.

ALMETA E. COOPER | 2003-2004

AHLA has always helped me sound like I know what I am talking about.

JAMES ROOSEVELT JR | 2002-2003

AHLA is an educational organization dedicated to education, information and dialogue. The dialogue in particular—between lawyers in the public and private sectors as well as different health care industry sectors—is critical as the entire health system faces daunting challenges.

DOUGLAS A. HASTINGS | 2001-2002

My husband and my kids view the Annual Meeting as a rite of summer and have been known to reroute their own plans in order to see their AHLA friends.

BETH J. SCHERMER | 2000-2001

AHLA was the guiding light when trying to mesh healthare and legal background...it has added a professional and social dimension to our day to day work that truly enriches the entire experience.

MICHAEL F. ANTHONY | 1999-2000

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AHLA is a member-driven organization with significant opportunities for participation...ensures that it will continue to be an essential resource to health law practioners.

MICHAEL D. BROMBERG | 1998-1999

My work on AHLA programs helped me establish a reputation and a profile that clearly enhanced my career development.

EUGENE TILLMAN | 1996-1997

AHLA's historical interaction with governmental and enforcement agency representatives permit significant networking opportunities.

GARY W. EILAND | 1996-1997

I found that I could call on the "best of the profession" for help, both on a paid and a non-paid basis.

ROBERT L. JOHNSON | 1995-1996

AHLA continues to be an organization open to newcomers.

PHILLIP A. PROGER | 1994-1995

AHLA, stay the course. You are doing a great job!

BRENT L. HENRY | 1994-1995

AHLA is unique for collegiality and a willingness to share.

DOUGLAS M. MANCINO | 1993-1994

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AHLA is an invaluable resource for information or developments that affect my practice on a daily basis.

SANFORD V. TEPLITZKY | 1993-1994

I believe I owe my career to the organization.

ALICE G. GOSFIELD | 1992-1993

An increasing need for specialization within the field of health law enhances the importance of AHLA's Practice Groups.

VIRGINIA H. HACKNEY | 1992-1993

AHLA was the only serious resources through which young professionals could learn and network and validate their approaches.

ALEX M. CLARKE | 1991-1992

The need for what AHLA delivers will increase substantially as health care becomes more challenging.

ALAN S. GOLDBERG | 1991-1992

AHLA is a professional academy of attorneys dedicated to the highest ethical and educational standards, in an open and collegial atmosphere.

THOMAS M. COLLINS | 1990-1991

AHLA is the reason I have a practice in Health Law and I owe my career entirely to this organization.

DONNA D. FRAICHE | 1989-1990

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The widespread membership in AHLA gives us an opportunity to tap into legal resources in other jurisdictions.

THOMAS C. SHIELDS | 1989-1990

For all the things I learned at our programs the friendships turned out to be more important to me.

ROBERT W. MILLER | 1988-1989

At the first Preferred Provider Organizations program lawyers and doctors were literally standing in the aisles.

CHARLES J. STEELE | 1987-1988

AHLA Annual Meetings have always resembled college reunions in many ways.

LEE VOORHEES | 1987-1988

The personal and professional relationships I have made in AHLA have been invaluable to my success and my peace of mind.

JD EPSTEIN | 1986-1987

The organization provided an opportunity to know and work with the finest legal minds in the formative period of health law.

J. KAY FELT | 1985-1986

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AHLA offers a non-competitive collegial atmosphere in which information important to the practice of health law is shared.

LEONARD C. HOMER | 1985-1986

AHLA: a rich, colorful and diverse history of personalities who gave their hearts and talents to the organization.

THOMAS C. FOX | 1984-1985

Through my involvement I developed a number of friendships with partners in major law firms from coast to coast.

EDGAR A. ZINGMAN | 1984-1985

AHLA actively tries to bring in new blood and no offer to volunteer is ever rejected.

ALAN D. BLOOM | 1983-1984

AHLA provides for generous sharing of information and cross-pollination of professional expertise among our members.

STEPHEN M. BLAES | 1982-1983

A significant friendship for me was Jamie Clements, who was the moral compass for the organization in the early days of NHLA.

JOSEPH A. MURPHY | 1981-1982

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The early members were a cohesive group, loved their colleagues in the small group of the hospital attorneys in the US and Canada, met their families and watched them grow up.

ARTHUR H. BERNSTEIN | 1980-81

AHLA has enhanced my health law practice by being a good resource of material and collegiality.

ROSS E. STROMBERG | 1987-1979

David (Greenburg) assembled the best legal minds in the field and the result was a large, vibrant and influential organization.

JAMES F. DOHERTY | 1976-1977

The initial decades saw little, if any, marketing by members and little, if any, adversarial relationships.

DENNIS J. PURTELL | 1973-1974

AHLA brought back the spirit and activity of cooperation.

NATHAN HERSHEY | 1972-1973

“Our lawyers have a social and economic concern for their clients. But it is more than just a concern for their clients, it is respect and duty to control the critical importance to ourselves and our families.

JAMES E. LUDLUM | 1971-1972
