

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF HEALTHCARE ATTORNEYS

FACT SHEET

- The American Academy of Healthcare Attorneys (AAHA) is part of the American Hospital Association (AHA) and its members are personal members of AHA. Its focus is the educational and advocacy needs of attorneys representing hospitals and health systems.
- Founded in 1968, the AAHA is the only bar association maintained exclusively for practitioners of healthcare law. It is comprised of 3,300 attorneys, approximately one third of whom are in-house counsel.
- AAHA conducts a nationally-recognized and highly-respected Annual Meeting that provides a comprehensive look at current trends and issues in the healthcare field on topics such as: integration; networking; managed care strategies; peer review; antitrust; Medicaid; medical staff affairs; environmental; labor; reimbursement; tax; finance; and technology developments. It is preceded by the Annual In-House Counsel Program, the only program of its kind that addresses the specific challenges of healthcare in-house counsel.
- Additionally, AAHA develops and sponsors 10-12 other programs each year on topics such as Tax Law; Mergers and Acquisitions; Healthcare Compliance; Healthcare Employment Law; Healthcare Fraud and Abuse; and Fundamentals of Healthcare Law. A program on Legal Issues Affecting Academic Medical Centers and other Teaching Institutions is endorsed by AAMC; a symposium on Risk Management is cosponsored with the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management; and a seminar on Medicare and Medicaid is cosponsored with NHLA. All programs offered by AAHA have been CLE accredited in all states requiring such accreditation.
- The AAHA has eleven special interest groups and substantive law committees which more specifically serve the needs of its diverse membership. These committees range from Antitrust; Health Information and Technology; Healthcare Liability and Defense; Labor; Managed Care and IDS; Regulation, Payment and Accreditation; Tax and Finance to In-House Counsel; and Teaching Hospitals and Academic Medical Centers. The committees facilitate the networking within these specialized areas and serve as a significant resource for development of programming, publications, research, and other AAHA projects. They have been responsible for the development of the highly acclaimed Practice Guide Series that includes the *Managed Care Handbook*, *Hospital-Affiliated Integrated Delivery Systems Handbook*, and the *Peer Review Guidebook*. Five additional Practice Guides (including a Model Corporate

Compliance Program) are currently in production and are expected out by December 1997.

- AAHA publishes the *Reporter*, its quarterly newsletter that includes highlights of committee activity, substantive articles, and current case studies provided by CCH. Five special interest and substantive law committee newsletters are also produced. The AAHA and St. Louis University School of Law publish the *Journal of Health and Hospital Law* which provides in-depth coverage of current healthcare issues and cases and their impact in the healthcare arena.
- AAHA developed and produced a video and workbook program on legal ethics that has a full CLE accreditation and is appropriate for use in any legal practice training program.
- Fifteen (15) directors serve on the AAHA Board of Directors, including four (4) officers: President; President-elect; President-elect designate; and an immediate Past President.
- The Mission statement of the American Academy of Healthcare Attorneys is as follows:

The American Academy of Healthcare Attorneys (AAHA) promotes excellence in the practice of healthcare law nationally, with timely, in-depth health law information, analysis, practice support, education, communication resources, and advocacy support.