

## NATIONAL HEALTH LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

### FACT SHEET

- The National Health Lawyers Association (NHLA) is the nation's largest educational association devoted to legal issues in the health industry.
- NHLA was established in 1971 as a non-partisan 501(c)(3) educational organization of lawyers who represent and counsel the health industry on business, corporate, and regulatory matters.
- The membership is approximately 8,400 individuals, primarily health attorneys. NHLA's attorney members represent a broad range of the health industry: hospitals and hospital systems; HMOs and managed care organizations; payors; physician groups and physician organizations; long-term care facilities and home health care organizations; state and local governments; and academia. NHLA's attorney members can be found in several practice settings: firms of varying sizes throughout the country; solo practitioners; in-house counsel; and academia.
- Approximately 700 NHLA members are non-attorneys, including CPAs, hospital and nursing home administrators, physicians, nurses, and other health professionals. NHLA members also include approximately 300 students.
- Known for its information and analysis on mergers and transactional matters involving the consolidation and integration of healthcare delivery systems, NHLA is an educational leader in legal issues related to managed care, fraud and abuse, tax, antitrust and reimbursement.
- NHLA conducts 10-12 highly respected national conferences annually on legal issues and trends in the health industry.
- NHLA provides members with the *Health Law Digest*, an extensive monthly synopsis of the most current state and federal court decisions in health law. Members also receive the *Health Lawyers News*, a monthly magazine devoted to health-related legislation and regulatory activity on the state and federal levels, as well as information regarding NHLA activities and members.
- NHLA publishes books, monographs, and looseleafs on cutting-edge topics for various levels of legal expertise.

- NHLA holds public interest colloquia for leaders in the industry on critical legal and policy issues. Reports following the colloquia are distributed to NHLA members, policy and law makers, and others throughout the health field.
- The NHLA Alternative Dispute Resolution Service provides experienced mediators, arbitrators, hearing officers and credentialed consultants to resolve disputes in the healthcare industry.
- NHLA offers members the Career Consulting Service, a network that matches volunteer attorney members with law students, law school graduates, and attorney members seeking guidance and information about opportunities in the health field.
- NHLA has twenty-seven (27) Directors who serve on the NHLA Board of Directors, including four (4) officers (President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary).
- The Mission Statement of the National Health Lawyers Association is as follows:

*The mission of the National Health Lawyers Association is to provide a forum for interaction and information exchange to enable its lawyer members to serve their clients more effectively; to produce the highest quality non-partisan educational programs, products and services concerning health law issues; and to serve as a public resource on selected healthcare legal issues.*