

## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Delaware State Bar Association Executive Committee  
FROM: Teresa A. Cheek, Chair  
DATE: May 1, 2014  
SUBJECT: Annual Report of the Health Law Section

The Health Law Section engaged in the following activities during the 2013-14 Section year:

1. Section Meetings: The Section conducted three lunch meetings. At each meeting, one or more speakers gave a presentation on a current topic of interest to health law attorneys. The meeting dates, speakers and topics are listed below:
  - a. On July 18, 2013, Patti Davis Oliva, Esq. provided a legislative update.
  - b. On November 22, 2013, Dana L. Reynolds, Esq. and Diane Andrews, Esq. spoke about gestational surrogacy.
  - c. On March 28, 2014, David A. Ettinger, Esq. spoke about antitrust law and physician group acquisitions and mergers and Susan Del Pesco, Esq. spoke about the proposed DMOST legislation.
2. Section CLE: On April 29, 2014, the Section presented a full-day joint CLE-CME seminar with the Medical Society of Delaware and the Elder Law Section, entitled, "Health Care and Aging: Navigating the Challenges." This seminar marked the second time a joint CLE-CME course was offered in Delaware. The seminar was attended by 40 people (mostly attorneys, but also some healthcare professionals).
3. Section Contribution to Delaware Law Review: An article by Section member Nate Trexler called "Developments in Delaware Health Law: Addressing Prescription Drug Abuse" was published in the Volume 14, No. 1 issue of the Delaware Law Review. It discussed the Delaware Prescription Monitoring Program and Regulation 18 of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, addressing the standards for prescribing controlled substances for the treatment of pain.
4. Section Membership: The Section had 65 members this year.
5. Section Officers for 2013-14: At its meeting of March 28, 2014, the Section elected the following officers for the coming year:

Co-chairs: Ben Schwartz and Robert C. Collins, II  
Vice Chair: Shannon Brainard  
Secretary: Tiphonie Miller

I would like to express my gratitude to all the administrative personnel at the DSBA who throughout the year were always responsive and helpful when I had questions. I especially appreciate their efforts in coordinating the joint CLE-CME seminar.