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## Welcome New Member to the

### **AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PHYSICAIN ASSISTANTS IN LEGAL MEDICINE!**

On behalf of the members of AAPALM, we welcome you. As you know AAPALM is a volunteer organization and special interest group of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

The **MISSION** of the American Academy of Physician Assistants in Legal Medicine is to provide education on malpractice liability and risk management to AAPA members and the medical community with an emphasis on the provision of safe medical care for all patients.

Additional Objectives:

- 1) To serve as a conduit of information for PAs and other medical professionals who may be facing legal action;
- 2) To provide information and resources to PAs who are interested in becoming medico-legal consultants; and
- 3) To act as a resource and clearinghouse for attorneys and insurance companies seeking PA experts on the scope of practice and standard of care of physician assistants

#### **The BENEFITS of AAPALM Membership include the following:**

- Members will receive a quarterly newsletter with information about medico-legal issues that address the AAPALM mission.
- Members will be able to note on their CVs that they are members of the only organization of its kind in the PA profession.
- Members will be via the AAPALM website. Those members who wish to make themselves available as expert witnesses or consultants will be able to designate their specialty expertise and contact information.
- The names and contact information of members who are expert witnesses or consultants will be provided to third parties such as attorneys and insurance companies who seek PA experts through the AAPA.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES of Membership**

AAPALM members are expected to:

Participate in fulfilling all aspects of the AAPALM mission, including the education of fellow PAs, PA students and the medico-legal community about PA practice, PA liability and standards of care.

Uphold the American Academy of Physician Assistant Adopted Ethical Guidelines on the physician assistant as an expert witness. These Guidelines are posted on the AAPALM website.

Keep their dues and membership information current.

Update their own membership contact information and practice data in the AAPALM Membership Directory on a regular basis. Instructions for doing this are attached.

Keep Directory information confidential. Swear that all information provided is truthful.

Understand and agree that Membership Directory information is made available at a fee to attorneys and other and third parties. Members must notify the President or Membership Chair if they do not wish to make their Directory information available.

Make every effort to attend AAPALM's annual business meeting which is held during the AAPA annual conference.

Thank you for joining AAPALM, one of the most unique constituent organizations of the AAPA. Please feel free to contact me or any of the officers with questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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AAPALM Membership Chair



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