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## Foreword

The Annals of Health Law editorial staff and the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy are pleased to present to you this Special Edition of the Annals of Health Law in celebration of the Beazley Institute's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

For more than twenty-five years the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy has been a leader in educating students, the bench, the bar and industry leaders in the essential aspects of the most complex industry in our country: health care. From the early days as a "neutral territory" where physicians and attorneys could come together to discuss issues of mutual concern, to its mission today to respond to the needs of attorneys and leaders serving the health care provider, supplier, patient, payor, policy, health care finance, information technology, compliance and academic communities, the Institute's growth in breadth and depth has truly been amazing. At this time of reflection and celebration we give our heartfelt thanks to the countless friends, colleagues, advisers, students and supporters who have helped shape us into what we are today.

This issue that you are holding reflects the best of the Institute. These forty-five articles—from an invitation-only group of authors—are truly a testament to the complexity of our field but, even more importantly, they reflect passion for health law and affection and respect for the Institute. Each author was invited to share a short reflection on an area of interest. These reflections are categorized into areas of health care law and practice. We begin with a series reflecting upon the field of health law generally, and how this area grew into a widely respected academic discipline and area of practice. Other topic areas include social justice, healthcare reform, ethical issues in healthcare, governmental perspectives, international and comparative health law, public health, civil procedure and discovery, medical malpractice, physician-attorney relationships, electronic health records, regulatory and compliance issues, and healthcare business and transactional issues. These categories demonstrate the incredible range of issues and challenges confronting the health law field.

We hope that you enjoy reading this special edition as much as we enjoyed compiling it. We continue to feel blessed to be of service to students, colleagues and an industry that we love.

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