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## Foreword

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The Annals of Health Law Editorial Board is proud to present our Winter 2014 Issue. Each year, the Editorial Board seeks out articles written on important and contemporary topics consuming the health law community. The Annals of Health Law prides itself on selecting the highest quality pieces on a variety of topics to reflect the expansive reach of the health law field. This issue is no exception, and covers a broad range of current and intriguing issues within health law and policy. The selected pieces contribute to the continued recognition of the Annals of Health Law as one of the country's preeminent health law and policy publications.

This issue begins with an article by James Hennelly, which explores the flaws associated with continuing medical education (CME) in the United States. Specifically, Mr. Hennelly discusses the shortcomings related to the way CME is conducted, financed, regulated and evaluated. The piece continues by navigating readers through the regulatory framework surrounding CME activities, paying particular attention to the accreditation process and the historic role certain government entities play in CME content. Due to the lax enforcement and lack of funding associated with CME activity, Mr. Hennelly argues that current regulatory schemes are ineffective and presents his own recommendations to improve the reliability and independence of CME in the United States.

Next, author Mark Bolin details the roadblocks preventing realization of goals set forth in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to improve access to health care for people living with HIV/AIDS. The article begins by exploring the steps Congress has taken to expand access to insurance and health care for people living with HIV/AIDS, including an expansion of popular federal programs and by issuing stricter consumer protections. Despite these changes, Mr. Bolin concludes that Congress has failed to address existing medical concerns and State law factors, ultimately limiting the effectiveness of the programs. The author concludes with insightful, workable suggestions for improving the effectiveness of programs aimed to increase access to health care for all Americans.

In our third article, Laura Lederer and Christopher Wetzel take an in-depth look into the health consequences and healthcare experiences of women and girls trafficked in the United States for commercial sex. Through testimony and data from their original study, the authors describe the overwhelming emotional and physical devastation that victims of trafficking suffer. The authors investigate the victims' contact with healthcare providers, finding that our healthcare system does not properly identify victims who are trafficked into prostitution. As a result, victims experience continued physical, social, and psychological repercussions. The authors offer recommendations for how public policy and proper identification of victims in healthcare settings can combat sex trafficking.

In the issue's concluding article, Dr. Obiajulu Nnamuchi describes the complexities of maternal healthcare delivery in Africa and the challenges the region faces in improving the health and wellbeing of mothers. By examining contemporary legal and sociological discourse of the topic, Dr. Nnamuchi provides readers with a picture of the devastating state of maternal health in Africa. Dr. Nnamuchi continues by exploring the major obstacles preventing progress towards a global improvement of maternal health protection spurred by the United Nations' Millennium

Development Goal 5. Nevertheless, Dr. Nnamuchi makes clear that improvement in Africa's maternal health status is possible and can be achieved through improvement of basic human rights principles.

The entire Annals of Health Law Editorial Staff would like to thank the distinguished group of authors who contributed their extraordinary talent and knowledge to this outstanding issue of the Annals of Health Law. This was the product of exceptional collaboration and professionalism on their part. I would personally like to thank each and every member of the Annals team, without whom this issue would not have been the success that it is. I would also like to express my gratitude to my Executive Board members, Serj Mooradian, Donna Miller, Christopher MacDonald, Meghan Funk, Michael Meyer, and Loukas Kalliantasis, all of whom showed a level of commitment and passion for this publication that surpassed by greatest expectations. Lastly, we would like to thank the incredible staff at the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy for their continued support in all of our endeavors.

It is with great pride that we present to you the Winter 2014 Issue of the Annals of Health Law.

Sincerely,

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