

# The American College of Legal Medicine Basanta Poster Competition in Legal Medicine

Present your research poster/abstract during our annual conference

# **CALL FOR POSTERS / ABSTRACTS**

The **American College of Legal Medicine** (ACLM) will present the Basanta Award for the best original abstract or poster at its 2024 Annual Conference scheduled to take place at the **San Diego Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Hotel on March 1-3, 2024**.

All submitted posters will be displayed and presented during the conference.

College students, post-graduate students, young leaders (within the first 10 years of practice), current members, and Fellows are invited to present their research poster/abstract during our conference. A limited student travel fund is available for selected students in need who submit posters and travel to the conference site. For more information and to apply for ACLM's student travel fund, please email <u>ACLM2024Posters@gmail.com</u>.

## Basanta Poster/Abstract Award Winners

- The winner of the abstract/poster competition will be awarded the Basanta Prize and \$500.00 in each of the three categories student, young professional, member/Fellow.
- Each winner will be given an opportunity to present their abstract/poster on stage at the conference (no longer than 10 minutes, please).
- Winners will also receive a complimentary one-year membership in the American College of Legal Medicine.
- All abstracts/posters will be evaluated for publication in *The Journal of Legal Medicine*.

# **Participation Criteria**

- Posters and abstracts must be authored by a student, by a professional within the first 10 years of practice, or by a member/fellow of the ACLM, either alone or in collaboration with others.
- Posters and abstracts must be presented at the annual meeting in San Diego (students with demonstrated financial need may apply for a travel grant from the ACLM).
- No more than five posters will be accepted from a single, first author.

# **Format Instructions**

- 1. All <u>posters</u> must be in PowerPoint with a 9" x 16" format and the information must fit on a single slide.
- 2. All <u>abstracts</u> must be in Word with standard letter size of 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 11" with one-inch margins on all sides, in 12-point Arial font, and should not be more than two pages in length.
- 3. All posters and abstracts must list each author's name followed by their degrees, position, institution, city and state, and email address. If multiple authors are from the same institution,

their names, degrees, positions, and email addresses should be listed followed by the institution, city and state.

- 4. The title should be centered and boldfaced.
- 5. The authors are responsible for receiving permission to republish any copyright material such as a chart or figure.

#### **Deadline for Submission**

- \* February 8, 2024 11:59 PM is the deadline for submission of posters and abstracts.
- Posters and abstracts must be sent by email to <u>ACLM2024Posters@gmail.com</u>
- Only posters and abstracts sent by email, submitted by the deadline, and in the requested format will be considered.
- Please direct all questions to <u>ACLM2024Posters@gmail.com</u>

#### Judging

- All posters and abstracts will be judged by the Awards Committee based on originality, relevance, thoughtfulness of analysis, and quality of writing. The Committee's decisions are final and may not be appealed. Further, the Committee reserves the right not to award prizes if the entries do not meet the standards set by the Awards Committee.
- Posters that appear to be advertisements for a business or service or that endorses or promotes a product will not be accepted.

#### Legal Medicine

Legal medicine is the professional and academic discipline that serves as a bridge between the medical and legal fields, ensuring that medical evidence is properly interpreted and presented in legal proceedings. Legal medicine experts can play a crucial role in ensuring the fair administration of justice and the protection of individual rights within the legal system. In essence, legal medicine is a branch of medicine that deals with the application of medical knowledge and techniques to legal matters, particularly in the field of law and criminal justice.

### The American College of Legal Medicine

Established in 1960, ACLM is a unique professional society for individuals with joint degrees in law and medicine or dentistry that works to address pressing issues that exist at the intersection of law and medicine. The ACLM is also the representative organization for the field of Legal Medicine within the American Medical Association (AMA). Membership is open to physicians, dentists, other health professionals, and attorneys as well as students who are pursuing degrees in law or medicine. More information is available at our website <u>American College of Legal Medicine</u>.

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