

**Regulation of Medical Professionals:
Innovations in Regulation, Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety**

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

BRUCE R. BAIRD, M.D.

Dr. Baird has practiced anesthesiology in the south Denver area for over fifteen years. Although he considers himself a clinician first, he has been active in medical staff leadership at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colorado. In this role he has served various offices, including President of the Medical Staff, He has also acted as Chair of several committees including Hospital Peer Review, Credentials, and Hospital Quality. Dr. Baird completed his residency in anesthesiology at the Cleveland Clinic and received his medical degree from the University of Colorado.

PAUL J. BARRINGER, III

Paul Barringer is general counsel at Common Good, the legal and health care reform coalition, where he leads efforts to develop support for administrative health courts, among other responsibilities. He has provided testimony about the health court proposal before Congress and at the state level. He speaks frequently at conferences and events, and represents the organization's perspective on health and legal reform issues in media interviews. He has published articles in the *National Law Journal*, *American Outlook*, the *BNA Health Law Reporter*, and numerous other publications.

Before joining Common Good, he co-founded Accurium, a health education company advising employers about improving health quality through increased consumer empowerment. As a lawyer with Hogan & Hartson, LLP in Washinton, D.C. and Smith Anderson, LLP in Raleigh, N.C., he represented physicians, hospitals, pharmaceutical and biotechnology firms, and other health care clients.

Mr. Barringer received his undergraduate degree from Davidson College, a law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a master's degree in public affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, and a master's degree in commerce and administration from Victoria University of Wellington, where he was a Rotary Scholar. He has bicycled across the United States as well as the length of the United Kingdom and New Zealand, and has completed the Appalachian Trail.

DR. MARIE BISMARK

Dr. Marie Bismark is a doctor and lawyer who works at the interface between law, medicine and healthcare policy.

In 2004–2005, Marie was a Harkness Fellow in Healthcare Policy at the Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard University.

Marie is currently a senior solicitor with Buddle Findlay. She has previously practised as a medical doctor in several New Zealand hospitals, served as a legal advisor to the New Zealand Health and Disability Commissioner, and taught at Otago Medical School and Victoria University Faculty of Law.

Marie serves on the Wellington Law Society's Ethics Committee, the New Zealand Law Society's Health Law Committee, and the Zealand Bioethics Council. Marie and her husband Matthew have three young children.

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Mr. Bovbjerg (pronounced Bo' berg) is a Principal Research Associate in the Health Policy Center of The Urban Institute in Washington, DC. He has studied prevention of medical injury, tort reform, and non-judicial alternatives including medical discipline, along with many other topics in health policy. His first health policy publication was a 1975 Duke Law Journal article on HMOs and Malpractice. His most recent related publication is a 2006 article on Health Courts and Medicare as ways to reform medical liability and patient safety. He also drafted chapter 6 of the Institute of Medicine's 2000 book *To Err Is Human* and during 1992-94 chaired the Advisory Panel on Defensive Medicine and the Use of Medical Technology for the Office of Technology Assessment of the US Congress. He has recently served on the Patient Safety Workgroup of the Federation of State Medical Boards, on JCAHO's taskforce on alternatives to tort litigation, and on the DC Health Care Reform Commission. He has also taught for Duke and Johns Hopkins Universities and worked as a state insurance regulator in Massachusetts.

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EDWARD A. DAUER

Edward A. Dauer is Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law at the University of Denver in Denver, Colorado, and is an active mediator and arbitrator with over 25 years experience in the field of conflict resolution. Prior to joining the law faculty at Denver he held a number of other academic appointments, including from 1974 to 1985, that of Associate Professor of Law and later Deputy Dean of the Yale Law School, which he left in 1985 to assume the Deanship at Denver. From 1990 through 1997 he was a member of the national law firm of Popham Haik Schnobrich & Kaufman, concentrating in the

practice of conflict prevention and dispute resolution and chairing the firm's ADR and Preventive Law departments.

Dean Dauer was the co-founder and first President of the National Center for Preventive Law, is an Elected Member of the American Law Institute, and has served since 1996 as a Visiting Scholar at the Program on Health Care Negotiation and Conflict Resolution at the Harvard School of Public Health. In addition to his LL.B. he has undertaken postgraduate training in economics and in the social sciences, and holds the degree of MPH (concentration in Health Policy and Management) from Harvard.

From 1990 to 1993 Dauer chaired the Center for Public Resources working group in health care dispute resolution. His writings include two books in the special field of health care ADR and a two-volume treatise in Dispute Resolution. His honors include the W. Quinn Jordan Award from the National Blood Foundation, and the Sanbar Lectureship from the American College of Legal Medicine.

GEORGE DIKEOU

George Dikeou attended law school at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and received his JD from Stanford University School of Law. He was in-house counsel to the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center from 1972 until 1981. After two years as partner in a Chicago law which served as general counsel for the American Hospital Association, he commenced private practice devoted exclusively to health care and hospital law.

Mr. Dikeou taught health law and ethics at the University of Colorado for 23 years. In 1984 he joined COPIC, Colorado's largest medical malpractice writer, as outside general counsel. He became in-house counsel at COPIC in 1992, became Executive Vice President in 1995, and served on the COPIC Board of Directors from 1985 until his retirement in 2003. Mr. Dikeou continues to serve as COPIC's consultant -- a role he has played since 1986.

Mr. Dikeou currently serves on the Boards of the Colorado Physicians Health Program, the Colorado Civil Justice League, and the Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center and chairs the State of Colorado Uniform Credential Application Committee.

JAMES NELSON DREISBACH, M.D., FACR

Jim Dreisbach graduated from Ohio State Univ Medical and completed a residency and fellowship at Mass General Hosp in Boston. He is in active practice in radiology in south Denver for the last twenty five years. He is a past hospital board member, past medical staff president and member of the anti-competitive committee. He is currently a board member of COPIC. He knits his own clothes and his dog likes him

ALFRED D. GILCHRIST

Alfred D. Gilchrist is the Chief Executive Officer of the Colorado Medical Society, the largest professional organization for physicians in Colorado. Alfred calls himself a recovering health care lobbyist, having represented the Texas Medical Association in Austin and Washington for 22 years. Since his arrival at CMS in November of 2004, he has been instrumental in establishing and implementing the CMS Road Map (strategic plan), strengthening partnerships with component and specialties societies, and reaching out to other stakeholders interested in medicine and health care reform.

DR. RICK MAY

Dr. May is a Colorado native who has been an Orthopedic Surgeon working in private practice Denver for the last 10 years. He recently closed his practice to join Health Grades, Inc. as a Senior Physician Consultant. In this role, Dr. May works with the HealthGrades team evaluating hospital quality and working with hospital to reform their processes and improve patient outcomes.

Dr. May is immediate-past President of the Colorado Medical Society (CMS) which is the largest physicians' organization in Colorado with almost 7,000 members. His role as President included strategic planning, program development, Chair of the CMS Board of Directors and primary spokesperson with the Colorado legislature and the press representing physicians viewpoints. He continues to serve as a member of the CMS Physicians Congress for Healthcare reform which is working to achieve a consensus among Colorado physicians regarding comprehensive healthcare reform.

Dr. May is a graduate of the University of Colorado Medical School and completed his Orthopedic Surgery residency through the University of Colorado Health Sciences including training at Denver Health Medical Center, the Denver VA Hospital, and The Children's Hospital. Prior to medical school Dr. May worked as a researcher in the Life Sciences Division with NASA at Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. His wife Dr. Kim Warner is an OB/GYN physician who works with Kaiser in Denver.

GERALD P. MCDERMOTT, ESQ.

Gerald P. McDermott is a partner in the law firm of McDermott, Hansen and McLaughlin, LLP of Denver, Colorado. His practice is limited to civil litigation. His practice has principally involved plaintiff's personal injury litigation with emphasis on medical and other professional negligence, product liability, insurance carrier bad faith cases and in recent years, has included commercial liability cases.

Mr. McDermott is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and of the International Society of Barristers and has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since its inception. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (1986-1992) and is a past president of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, a founding member of Trial Lawyers for Public Justice and Public Justice Foundation in Colorado. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award (the

Kenneth N. Kripke Award) from the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association (1999). He is a member and has chaired sections and committees of the Colorado Bar Association and is a member and has held office in the Denver Bar Association.

Mr. McDermott has been a frequent CLE lecturer and guest speaker to various bar, judicial, legal, medical and insurance groups. He has served on the faculties of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the ATLA National College of Advocacy. Mr. McDermott has been a member of the Colorado Supreme Court Committee on Pattern Jury Instructions, Civil, since 1980 and served on the Colorado Supreme Court Committee on the Effective and Efficient Use of Juries in Colorado (1996-97). He was a Gubernatorial Appointee to the Colorado Task Force on Insurance and Tort Reform (1985-86) and to Governor Romer's Insurance Task Force and was on Governor Owen's Task Force on Civil Justice Reform. Mr. McDermott is a graduate of the University of Denver College of Law.

SUSAN T. MILLER

Ms. Miller has served as the director of the healthcare section within the Department of Regulatory Agencies since July 1, 2007. The section is comprised of nine professional licensing boards that regulate more than 120,000 healthcare professionals and businesses. As the director, she has responsibility for policy development, oversight of legislative issues affecting the healthcare licensing boards and the coordination of regulatory issues across the section. Prior to this appointment Ms. Miller served for 12 years as the Program Director for the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners and was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Board. From 1981 to 1994 Ms. Miller served as the Program Director for the Passenger Tramway Safety Board and the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors. Prior to her career in state government, Ms. Miller worked as a mechanical engineer in private industry. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from Kettering University in Flint, Michigan and has attended the University of Colorado Graduate School of Public Affairs.

DAVID A. SWANKIN

Mr. Swankin is President of the Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC), a not-for-profit training, research, and support network for public members of health care regulatory and governing boards. Mr. Swankin also is a partner in the law firm of Swankin & Turner. He is an attorney specializing in regulatory and administrative law, with a broad background in both government and public interest advocacy. His government career included assignments in the White House, where he was the first Executive Director of the White House Office of Consumer Affairs, and at the U.S. Department of Labor, where he was Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor. In 1997-1998, he served as a Commissioner on the Pew Health Professions Commission, chaired by former Senator George Mitchell. Mr. Swankin was appointed a Senior Fellow to the Center for the Health Professions, UCSF, in June 2003. In 2002-2003, he was a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee that produced the report "Health Professions Education-A Bridge to Quality." Mr.

Swankin has provided legal services to numerous public interest and professional organizations.

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JAMES N. THOMPSON, MD

Dr. Thompson is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). The FSMB is a national non-profit association that serves as a collective voice for the 70-member allopathic and osteopathic state medical licensing and regulatory boards in the United States and its territories. The Federation's primary mission is to improve the quality, safety, and integrity of health care by promoting high standards for physician licensure and practice, as well as supporting and assisting state medical boards in the protection of the public.

Dr. Thompson earned his B.A. degree at DePauw University and his M.D. degree at The Ohio State University. He completed his residency in Surgery (Otolaryngology) at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology. Prior to joining the FSMB he was on the faculty of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine for 23 years. During that time he served in the administration of the medical school for over fifteen years as Associate Dean, Dean of the School of Medicine, and Wake Forest University Vice President. In 2002, he was named Dean Emeritus of the School of Medicine.

Dr. Thompson represented the American Medical Association on the Executive Committee of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. He is Past Chair of the Governing Council of the AMA's Section on Medical Schools. As a Director of the American Board of Otolaryngology, he was appointed to the Residency Review Committee for Otolaryngology. In 2001, he was elected a Director of the Christian Medical and Dental Associations.

Dr. Thompson received the Harris Mosher Award for Excellence in Clinical Research from the American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otological Society for research on corrosive esophageal injuries. As a faculty member at Wake Forest University he was elected to the Beta Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. He is also the recipient of the 2004 Distinguished Service Award from the Wake Forest University School of Medicine Alumni Association, the 2006 Alumni Achievement Award from The Ohio State University College of Medicine, and the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from DePauw University.

He and his wife Carol live in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and have four grown children and five grandchildren.