MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: PHYRA MCCANDLESS

1. How long have you been involved with the Medicine & Law Committee?
   
   I have officially been involved since 2012, although I recall some preliminary involvement a few years earlier.

2. In what ways have you been involved with the Committee?
   
   My main activities have been serving as the Technology Vice Chair and, last year, co-authoring a survey article for the TIPS Journal.

3. How has your involvement with the Medicine & Law Committee benefitted your practice?
   
   As I have expanded my practice to include litigating health care fraud against the government in False Claims Act qui tam cases as well as medical mass torts, the committee has gone from interesting to integral. For example, I’m investigating cases of men who were prescribed testosterone and suffered heart attacks and strokes and recent research and postings from the committee have been great for evaluating my cases.

4. What do you enjoy most about the Committee?
   
   I have relished the opportunity to collaborate and share ideas and share information related to medicine and law. For example, I’ve been able to collaborate with our law student vice chair and others on the survey article, which allowed me to both mentor an aspiring attorney and develop my own practice.

5. What advice do you have for new members to the Committee?
   
   Jump in and offer to help even if you don’t have a lot of time. There are always small things that need to get done, but don’t take too long. You may get the opportunity to speak or write an article to get your name out there.

6. How would you like to see the Committee improved and/or changed?
   
   I think the committee has made great strides in boosting membership over the past year, but we have more potential opportunities to tap into, such as creating a signature meeting or CLE similar to what other committees have created. I think partnering with other organizations, such as the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics. 

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