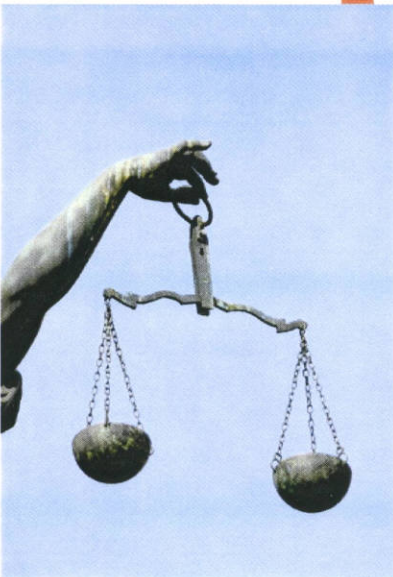


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Medical Liability Reform – What's Next?

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The polarized debate over medical liability issues tends to be driven by those for and against capping non-economic damage awards. With the Illinois Supreme Court this year again overturning caps, it's clear that we need innovative reform proposals that can enhance quality of care, promote consistency in justice, and facilitate improved compensation for injured patients. We need a more equitable system for patients and physicians.

The DuPage County Medical Society advocates the creation of "health courts" – special courts for medical injury cases – as a promising alternative. Would the Illinois Constitution allow implementation of a health court system in the state? Are there select components of a health court system that would help if applied in Illinois? What other possible solutions are worth exploring? These are among the issues that will be examined during the DCMS Annual Meeting presentation on Wednesday, October 6.

Featured speaker is **Michelle Mello, JD, PhD, professor of Law and Public Health at Harvard University**. Doctor Mello is a leading authority on alternate medical litigation solutions, including health courts.

The program will be held at Maggiano's in Oak Brook. The Vendor Fair begins at 5:30, dinner is at 7, and the program follows. **Advance reservations required by September 30 - call 630.858.9603**. There is no fee for DCMS members; cost for non-members and guests is \$45, paid in advance.

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