

NOTE FROM THE ISSUE EDITOR

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Since the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), commonly called the Affordable Care Act (ACA), in 2010, health care law has taken center stage in the national dialogue. Lawyers, whether in public, private or corporate practice, have been confronted with health care law issues and questions from clients and friends.

For practitioners in the area, the ACA has spawned thousands of pages of regulations, not to mention many billable hours. This issue is designed to highlight some of the key developments in health care law. But first, I would be remiss if I did not thank Matthew Milone of the Insurance and Health Law Section of the State Bar Of Nevada for his invaluable assistance with this issue. Matt and his colleagues brought together many members of the section to help with this issue.

Ann Morgan and Chad Mead tackle the issue of litigation risks under the Affordable Care Act. They offer concrete suggestions for employers to minimize their risks under ACA. Tim Mulliner has a great overview of employer obligations under the ACA. He offers a tour through the necessary steps in determining whether coverage must be offered by an employer and penalties associated with not providing coverage. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is perhaps one of the most misunderstood health care laws. Kelly McIntosh offers a unique perspective on HIPAA and offers Nevada attorneys HIPAA basics. Mistee Arias Galicia follows that with a timely article about causes of action under HIPAA.

This issue offers Nevada attorneys unique, local perspectives on the current hot topics under ACA and HIPAA. ■

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