"TREATING MEDICAL ERRORS" SET FOR OCTOBER 29

What should lawyers know about the practice of medicine? What should new physicians know about the legal system? The Penn State community is invited to register now for “Treating Medical Errors” on Monday, October 29. This interdisciplinary event features pediatric medical residents from Penn State’s Milton S. Hershey Children’s Hospital and students from The Dickinson Schools of Law of the Pennsylvania State University. Together, law students and medical residents work through a moot medical malpractice trial with pediatricians being both witnesses in the case and consultants to their legal teams.

“Every year we do this I learn something new about the practice of medicine,” said Professor Gary Gildin, a teacher of trial advocacy at Penn State Law. “Our professions really should collaborate more often, and this event is a great start toward that goal.” Professor Gildin and Dr. Stephen J. Wassner of Milton S. Hershey Children’s Hospital have organized this event every semester for the benefit of law students and pediatric medical residents.

The morning session, set to begin at 9 a.m., consists of an abbreviated civil trial centered on the facts of the moot case. Over lunch all attendees and participants will “deliberate.” At 1:30 p.m. Professor Gildin and Dr. Wassner will host an interdisciplinary discussion on the merits of the case, the structure of the legal system, and the practice of law and medicine.

This event will be webcast live. Register by 5 p.m. on October 25 to attend this event in person at Lewis Katz Hall, 333 W. South St., Carlisle, PA, or via simulcast in Lewis Katz Building, University Park, PA.