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On June 14-16, 2004, the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, convened a major conference entitled “The Public’s Health and the Law in the 21st Century: Third Annual Partnership Conference on Public Health Law.” More than 600 individuals from all the 50 states and many foreign countries assembled in Atlanta, Georgia to engage in both plenary and concurrent sessions devoted to all aspects of public health and the role that law plays in promoting and sustaining a healthier population. The audience was truly multidisciplinary—and included lawyers, members of the judiciary, physicians, state legislative members, public health officers, nurses, bioethicists and academics.

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Sincerely,
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