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ASLME is proud to announce that member John Blum is the winner of the 2011 Jay Healey Teaching Award. Blum, the John J. Waldron Research Professor at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, earned this year's award for his dedication to the health law field and for challenging his students and peers.

Larry Singer, Director of the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy at Loyola, presented Blum with the award this award at ASLME's 34th Annual Health Law Professors conference.

"There is no more worthy candidate for the Jay Healey Teaching award than John Blum," states Singer, who hosted this year's conference. "John is the consummate academic, bundled inside of a clear practical thinker."

The awardee is determined selected by a committee composed of members of the ASLME Board, the faculty member responsible for hosting this year's HLPC and the faculty member responsible for hosting the prior year's conference.

Blum's intellectual pursuits encourage his peers to look at health law from fresh perspectives. Singer remarks "John has an inquisitive mind, intrigued by the complexities of so many facets of health law--federal and state policy, licensure, governance, technology, lessons that can be drawn from international comparative analysis --it is a challenge as a colleague to keep up with him."

In addition to teaching at the law school, Blum is an adjunct professor of medical humanities in Loyola's Stritch School of Medicine, Department of Medicine. An active researcher, he primarily focuses on medical quality assurance, and Blum has published numerous articles on the subject.

Prior to coming to Loyola, Blum served on the faculty at Penn State and Boston University. He was a teaching fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health, and he was a visiting professor at Osgoode Hall and the University of British Columbia Faculties of Law as part of the U.S.-Canada Fulbright program.

Additionally, John has consulted with the USAID in Indonesia, where he worked to develop a curriculum in public health for the use in schools of public health. He also is a Board Member of the Center for Telemedicine Law and E-Health.

John Blum's numerous professional accomplishments have made him an invaluable asset to colleagues and students. Singer states "The field of health law, the Beazley Institute and our students are extremely fortunate to have this first class intellect, and all around friendly and caring person, as a colleague, teacher, friend and mentor."

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