



## 2021 FELLOWS CONFERENCE

Virtual: Saturday, March 13

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Central

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 9:00 a.m.            **Welcome**  
                                 Madelaine A. Feldman, MD, FACR
- 9:15 a.m.            **So You Want to Go Into Private Practice**  
                                 Herbert S. Baraf, MD, FACP, MACR
- 10:15 a.m.          **Physician Employment & Contracts**  
                                 Steve McCoy, Esq.
- 11:00 a.m.          **Break**
- 11:15 a.m.          **Early Career Financial Management**  
                                 James Dahle, MD – *The White Coat Investor*
- 12:15 p.m.          **Insurance & Payers 101**  
                                 Michael C. Schweitz, MD
- 12:45 p.m.          **Break**
- 1:00 p.m.           **Medical Malpractice & Risk Management**  
                                 James S. Haliczzer, Esq.
- 1:30 p.m.           **Important Updates in Coding**  
                                 Jean Acevedo, LHRM, CPC, CHC, CENTC, AAPC Fellow
- 2:00 p.m.           **Closing Remarks**  
                                 Madelaine A. Feldman, MD, FACR
- Q&A with CSRO Board of Directors**  
                                 Moderated by Gary R. Feldman, MD
- While open to all attendees, this time is intended for Fellows and new practitioners to have an opportunity to ask the CSRO Board of Directors questions about the realities of a career in rheumatology or follow-up with presenters about their content from the day.

## ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS



### **Madelaine A. Feldman, MD, FACR**

Dr. Madelaine Feldman is a rheumatologist in private practice with The Rheumatology Group in New Orleans, LA. She is President of the Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations, Chair of the Alliance for Safe Biologic Medicines and past member of the American College of Rheumatology insurance subcommittee.

Dr. Feldman is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine, and lectures extensively to patients, physicians, regulators, and legislators both locally and nationally, speaking before the Health subcommittee of Energy and Commerce in 2019. She has spoken and written on the drug supply channel, particularly the effect that formulary construction and utilization management tools have on pricing and access to drugs (availability & affordability).

Dr. Feldman received the Distinguished Service Award for Tulane Medical School, was named one of the Top Women in New Orleans by City Business in 2017 and is the former radio talk show host of "Driving with Dr. Mattie."



### **Herbert S. B. Baraf, MD, FACP, MACR**

Dr. Baraf is founding member and former managing partner of Arthritis and Rheumatism Associates (ARA), one of the largest private rheumatology practices in the United States with 23 rheumatologists in seven locations. He holds academic appointments as Clinical Professor of Medicine at George Washington University in Washington, DC, and Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

He earned his medical degree from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, and completed his internship and residency at the George Washington University Hospital. Dr. Baraf did his fellowship training in rheumatology at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Dr. Baraf has served on numerous committees of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR), contributing to programming for its annual meeting, helping to develop quality of care measures and, more recently, lobbying Congress for more rational payment systems for patient care. His efforts were instrumental in the ACR's development of freestanding musculoskeletal ultrasound courses for rheumatologists.

As the founder of the Center for Rheumatology and Bone Research, a division of his practice, Dr. Baraf has served as principal investigator on over 400 clinical trials of treatments for gout,

rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, Sjögren's syndrome, and other disorders. He formerly served on the board of directors of the Sjögren's Foundation.

He is an author of more than 30 peer-reviewed papers and has presented his work at numerous national and international meetings. Dr. Baraf was named a Master of the ACR in 2012. In 2014 the ACR conferred upon him the Paulding Phelps Award for "for outstanding service to patients, community and the practice of medicine."

### **Steve McCoy, Esq.**

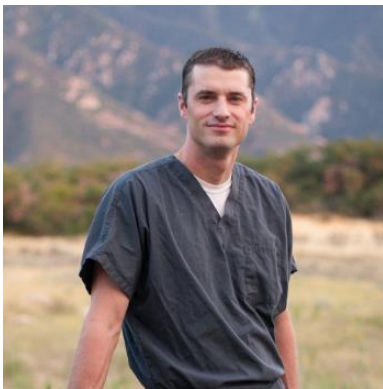


Mr. McCoy is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Virginia School of Law. He spent 11 years in private practice as a partner in the health law section of Williams Mullen, in Richmond, Virginia, where he represented physicians, hospitals and other health care providers.

He left Williams Mullen to serve as general counsel to Patient First Corporation, a provider of primary and urgent care services that employs over 600 physicians and extenders at 76 locations across the mid-Atlantic, and treats patients during more than 3 million visits annually.

Mr. McCoy is the past chair of the Health Law Section of the Virginia State Bar and is currently a member of the Board of Governors of the Virginia Bar Association's Health Law Council.

### **James M. Dahle, MD**



James M. Dahle, MD, is a practicing emergency physician and veteran from Salt Lake City, UT. He became interested in personal finance and investing after becoming disillusioned with the way he was treated by several unscrupulous financial professionals.

In an effort to help his fellow physicians and other high-income professionals avoid the same errors, he started The White Coat Investor website in 2011. It rapidly grew into the most widely-read, physician-specific personal finance and investing website in the world. He has written three Amazon best-selling books, publishes a weekly podcast, developed multiple online courses, and holds an annual conference all aimed at helping his fellow physicians become more financially literate.

He is convinced that increasing the financial security of doctors enables them to be better partners, parents, and doctors along with reducing burnout, decreasing suicide risk, and improving patient care. He has been featured in Forbes and CNN and is a regular columnist for ACEP Now. Dr. Dahle enjoys canyoneering, skiing, biking and spending time with his wife and four kids.



### **Michael C. Schweitz, MD**

Dr. Schweitz completed a seven year undergraduate and medical school program at the George Washington University in Washington, DC, in 1972. He completed his internal medicine training at GW and his rheumatology fellowship at Georgetown University in 1977. He then entered private practice in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Dr. Schweitz is a partner in Arthritis and Rheumatology Associates of Palm Beach, a seven physician single specialty practice in Palm Beach County. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and Master of the American College of Rheumatology. He served as a member of the Committee on Rheumatologic Care. He is a past president of CSRO and the Florida Society of Rheumatology where he continues to sit on both executive committees.

He has served on the Board of Directors of the Arthritis Foundation at both state and local levels for many years and for the past 40 years has donated his time in helping to staff a free arthritis clinic for medically indigent patients in Palm Beach County. Dr. Schweitz has been recognized in “Best Doctors of South Florida” and “America’s Top Physicians.” His personal interests include wine collecting and wine education, as well as collecting first edition crime fiction.



### **James S. Haliczzer, Esq.**

James S. Haliczzer, co-founder of Haliczzer Pettis & Schwamm, P.A. and its managing partner, has been involved in dozens of trials involving numerous substantive areas of the law including medical and legal malpractice, personal injury, wrongful death, commercial and construction litigation. He concentrates his practice at this time in the trial of complex cases involving medical malpractice, personal injury/wrongful death, and business disputes. Mr. Haliczzer has the unique experience of having successfully represented both defendants and plaintiffs. He has lectured throughout the country on issues as varied as legal and medical malpractice, general insurance law and risk management/quality assurance programs.

Mr. Haliczzer has been recognized by numerous organizations for his skills as a trial lawyer. In addition to being listed in Best Lawyers in America® since 2010, Mr. Haliczzer was named as the 2015 Miami “Lawyer of the Year” in Medical Malpractice Law by Best Lawyers in America®. Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the “Lawyer of the Year,” making this accolade particularly significant. He holds an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell’s Peer Review Ratings service, the highest possible rating indicating excellence in the practice of law and the highest ethical standards. He has been listed in Florida Trend Magazine’s Florida Legal Elite featuring the top 1.6% of lawyers in the State of Florida as voted by his peers, Florida Super Lawyers, and the South Florida Legal Guide “Top Lawyers” for nine consecutive years.

Mr. Haliczzer has been involved in numerous professional and community activities. He has served as a member of the Broward, Florida, American, and Federal Bar Associations, participating in such areas as professional ethics, attorney misconduct, and the unauthorized practice of law; the American Academy of Healthcare Attorneys; and the Florida Bar Committees on Ethics and Professionalism. He also served on the Board of the Broward County Boys and Girls Clubs, The Board of Trustees of St. Mark's Episcopal School, the Broward County Red Cross and chaired both the local Florida Bar Grievance and UPL Committees. Mr. Haliczzer is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocacy.

Mr. Haliczzer is a graduate of the University of South Florida where he took both a Bachelor's degree in 1976 and a Master's degree in 1978. He was a member of various honor societies including Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Tau Delta. He graduated from the Stetson University College of Law in 1982 where he was voted the "Best Advocate," in his graduating class, was the Associate Editor of the Stetson Law Review and published, Note, "An Employer's Liability for the Acts of his Servant, Mercury Motors Express V. Smith in 1982". Mr. Haliczzer is admitted to The Florida Bar (1982). He is admitted to practice in Florida, Colorado, and U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit. He resides in Fort Lauderdale, Florida with his wife since 1987. They have one son, a writer in New Orleans.



**Jean Acevedo, LHRM, CPC, CHC, CENTC, AAPC Fellow**

Jean Acevedo, LHRM, CPC, CHC, CENTC, AAPC Fellow who has over 30 years of health care experience. She has a particular expertise in chart audits, compliance & education relative to physician documentation and coding. Jean has also been an expert witness in civil litigations and an investigative consultant for the DOJ and FBI in Federal fraud cases.

Jean has demonstrated particular expertise in all facets of rheumatology documentation and coding working with small and large rheumatology practices across the country for more than a decade. She has been a speaker at many of the rheumatology physicians' annual meetings including STAR, the Florida Society of Rheumatology and the National Organization of Rheumatology Managers (NORM). She presented 3 sessions on the 2021 E/M Documentation and Coding changes at the American College of Rheumatology's annual ACR Convergence conference in November 2020.

She is a frequently sought after speaker as she possesses the unique perspective of avoiding risk and liability while optimizing reimbursement in the highly regulated health care industry.

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