



## **Bioterrorism, Emergencies and Public Health Law** **Biographical Statements**

### **Jenifer Martin Lowry, JD**

Jenifer Martin Lowry serves as Administrator of the University of Michigan Bioterrorism Preparedness Initiative and the Michigan Academic Center for Public Health Preparedness. Prior to joining the University of Michigan, Ms. Lowry was a Senior Associate at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, where she represented clients before the United States Congress and the Administration. In that capacity, she worked with former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell in his role as Independent Overseer of the American Red Cross Liberty Disaster Relief Fund, a fund created following the events of September 11, 2001. This work focused on a number of homeland security issues, including bioterrorism preparedness. Ms. Lowry also worked on Capitol Hill for Representative Jose E. Serrano and for Senator Paul Simon on the Senate Judiciary Committee, and in the White House. Ms. Lowry received her Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center.

### **Carol Isaacs, JD, RN**

On January 1, 2003, Ms. Isaacs was appointed Chief Deputy Attorney General for the State of Michigan. In this role, she is principal advisor to Attorney General Mike Cox on all legal and administrative matters within the Office of Attorney General. The diverse, 500-person office provides legal services to the State of Michigan and its hundreds of agencies, boards, commissions, officials, and employees. The Attorney General is the Chief State Prosecuting Attorney for the State of Michigan. Prior to holding the post of Chief Deputy, Ms. Isaacs served over six years as the Senior Deputy Director of Policy and Legal Affairs for the Department of Community Health, the largest department in state government, under Governor John Engler. Ms. Isaacs has extensive knowledge of health-related subject matter, applicable law, and program development.

### **Robert Ianni, JD**

Mr. Ianni serves as Director of the Consumer Protection Bureau, Department of the Attorney General, where he oversees the activities of the Department's Consumer Protection Division, the Environmental, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Division, and the Special Litigation Division, where he oversees consumer utility issues, anti-trust cases, and Native American law matters. He has worked at the State of Michigan Attorney General's Office for 29 years, practicing in the insurance and banking area. Mr. Ianni has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the DARE advisory board, the Criminal Justice Information System advisory board, the Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council, and the board of directors of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan. He has served as the Department's Emergency Management Coordinator for 20 years, providing legal advice to the state agencies on emergency related matters. Mr. Ianni is a 1974 graduate of the Detroit College of Law.

**Ellen Clement, MSW**

Ms. Clement serves as Health Officer for the Washtenaw County Public Health Department. In that capacity, Ms. Clement develops and maintains strong alliances among county and local hospitals and health care providers resulting in collaborative ventures including the Washtenaw County Health Care Program for the Uninsured, and the Collaborative on Improving Community Health Status. She directs the Health Improvement Plan, a county wide health assessment and planning project involving leaders from more than 25 local agencies and institutions in order to achieve local health objectives. Ms. Clement has worked at the Washtenaw County Public Health Department for sixteen years, also having served as Administrator, Interim Director, and Chief of Operations. She earned her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan School of Social Work, and expects her Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 2004.

**Rosemarie Rowney, MPH, RN**

Ms. Rowney serves as Clinical Instructor in Nursing Business and Health Systems at the University of Michigan School of Nursing and in Epidemiology, University of Michigan School of Public Health. She also serves as Director of Training at the University of Michigan Bioterrorism Preparedness Initiative and the Michigan Academic Center for Public Health Preparedness. Her prior experience includes 20 years at the Oakland County Health Division as Health Officer, Administrator of Personal and Preventive Health Services, Chief of Field Public Health Nursing, and Chief of Adult Health and Chronic Disease. Ms. Rowney received her Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and her Diploma in Nursing from St. Vincent's School of Nursing.

**Denise Chrysler, JD**

Ms. Chrysler received her Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School in 1980. She currently serves as Director of the Office of Legal Affairs at the Michigan Department of Community Health and as the Privacy Officer for the Department of Community Health, coordinating compliance by the Department with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy regulations. Previously, Ms. Chrysler served for almost 20 years as Assistant Attorney General in the Community Health Division representing public health programs and regulatory agencies. Ms. Chrysler was the 1999 recipient of the Frank J. Kelley Award for Excellence in Administrative Advocacy for efforts to protect mammograms and medical records of some 200,000 patients in Southeast Michigan that were abandoned by a bankrupt health provider.

**Naomi Gaynor, JD**

Ms. Gaynor practices law at the firm of Cohl, Stoker, Toskey & McGlinchey, P.C. in Lansing, Michigan, where she serves as legal counsel for several local public health departments in Michigan. Ms. Gaynor's previous experience includes her tenure as Research Attorney at the Court of Appeals, State of Michigan. Ms. Gaynor received her Juris Doctor degree from the Detroit College of Law.