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Carbondale Law Professor to Receive State Bar Award

W. Eugene Basanta, a law professor at Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Law, in Carbondale, will receive the Austin Fleming Award for newsletter writing on Friday, June 27, during the 132nd Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) at the Hyatt Regency in St. Louis.

Now in his 20th year as editor of *Health Care Lawyer*, the newsletter of the ISBA's Health Care Law Section, Basanta has produced 75 issues totaling 916 pages of timely substantive information on important developments in the practice.

The quality of the content of his newsletters has been as impressive as quantity of pages on which they are printed. Special issues have been produced on the history and background of the Health Care Surrogate Act (1991), and the controversial corporate practice of medicine doctrine (1995).

"It is impossible to overstate Professor Basanta's devotion to the publication of this extraordinary newsletter," said his nominator, Champaign attorney Keith E. Emmons, a section council chair.

Current chair Nancy K. McKenna of Skokie, associate general counsel of Rush North Shore Medical Center, added that Basanta's knowledge of health care law has resulted in development of an exceptional publication.

"Gene's academic experience has brought a scholarly level of expertise and a valuable perspective to the newsletter," she said in a supporting letter.

A member of the SIU law faculty since 1980, Basanta became a professor in 1992. He also teaches at the Department of Medical Humanities at the School of Medicine, and has served as interim dean and associate dean for academic affairs.

He is co-director of the SIU Center for Health Law and Policy and a past chair of the Law and Medicine Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Tort and Insurance Practice.

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