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Jerry Alan Greene, DVM, MS Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Graduated from College of Agriculture at University of Illinois with BS in Breeding and Genetics in 1970. Attended Long Island University for one year working on a Masters Degree in Endocrinology before being accepted to NYS College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. After graduating with DVM degree in 1975, did an internship and surgical residency at School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University, where I got a Masters Degree in Surgery in 1978. Was a Clinical Instructor in Surgery at University of California, Davis Small Animal Clinic for one year (1978-1979). Practiced in Southeast Florida for three years prior to moving to Tampa Florida in 1982. Owned and operated a small animal practice until 1998, which was closed, after a fire. Have been under contract to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) as an expert witness for over 25 years. Have done private consulting as an expert witness for both clients and veterinarians. Currently serving as Medical Director at a VCA owned small animal hospital. Married for 35 years and have a son and daughter. Charter member of the AVMLA, 2015/16 AVMLA President.



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Schedule of Events

Saturday, August 06th, 2016

- 1:00-1:30pm** **Registration**
- 1:30-2:45pm** **Compounding Update – Rachel Pontikes, Esquire**
- 2:45-4:00pm** **Panel Discussion on Compounding – Rachel Pontikes, Esquire, Anthony Grzib, and James Rock**
- 4:30-5:30pm** **Annual Business Meeting**
- 5:30-6:15pm** **Annual Business Meeting Member Reception**
- 6:30-9:00pm** **Networking Dinner (no host)**

Sunday, August 07th, 2016

- 8:00-8:30am** **Registration**
- 8:30-9:30am** **Legislative Update:
Kate Tormey**
- 9:30-9:45am** **Break**
- 9:30-10:45am** **Employment Practice Liability Insurance – "*What you need to know*," Karen Wernette, DVM and John E. Owens, Esquire**
- 10:45 -11:00am** **Break**
- 11:00-12:00pm** **Mike Murphy, DVM – FDA Presentation**
- 12:00-1:00pm** **Lunch and Networking**
- 1:00-2:30pm** **Veterinary Telemedicine After Hines -Maggie Griffith, Esquire**
- 2:30-3:00pm** **Break**
- 3:00-4:15pm** **Bullet Proofing for Medical Records -Jerry A. Greene, DVM, MS**
- 4:15-5:00pm** **Conclusion and Networking**

Speakers

Rachel Pontikes, Esq. counsels compounding pharmacies in both human and animal health regarding compliance with various applicable state and federal law. She also acts as litigation counsel for compounding pharmacies in disputes with the state boards of pharmacy, the Food and Drug Administration and the Drug Enforcement Administration in administrative proceedings and federal courts. She is a nationally recognized authority in the Drug Quality Security Act (DQSA)-Compounding Quality Act (CQA), participating in various discussions with the Senate HELP Committee staffers as the law was drafted. Ms. Pontikes is frequently invited to speak on the DQSA-CQA and its implications for compounding pharmacies, most recently by the Food Drug Law Institute (FDLI) for their enforcement conference and the American Pharmacist Association (APhA) for their annual conference. Her deep experience with the laws governing compounding pharmacies stems from her role as trial and appellate counsel for two seminal cases that shaped the legal landscape. Ms. Pontikes served as trial counsel in *Medical Center v. Mukasey* through defeat of the motion to dismiss, and trial and appellate counsel in *Wedgewood Village Pharmacy v. United States*. Ms. Pontikes is a 2001 graduate of the University of Chicago Law School and an honors graduate of Wesleyan University, where she was elected Phi Beta Kappa.

Anthony Grzib, R.Ph., is the director of pharmacy compliance for Wedgewood Pharmacy, is responsible for the operation of the pharmacy in conformance with all laws and rules pertinent to the practice of pharmacy and the distribution of drugs. He develops policies and systems for formulating and producing compounded preparations accurately, efficiently, and consistently. He oversees all pharmacists, technical and non-technical staff in the pharmacy. He is a registered pharmacist in 11 states and has been in the pharmacy profession since 1990. Grzib is a member of the Parenteral Drug Association and the International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineering. He holds a B.S. degree in Pharmacy from the Rutgers University College of Pharmacy.

James Rock is a partner in the lobbying firm Parry, Romani DeConcini & Symms. He has over 30 years of Washington experience, including eight as the principal legislative aide to two key members of the House Ways and Means Committee. During his tenure on Capitol Hill, Mr. Rock gained a reputation as one of the most effective and respected personal staff members of this important congressional committee. On Congressional staff, Mr. Rock participated in a comprehensive rewriting of the U.S. Tax Code through the development of a series of major tax bills. He also worked extensively on Medicare, Social Security, welfare reform and trade legislation. He was one of the primary architects of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, and was a major participant in the development of the Tax Reform Act of 1986. He also worked on the numerous budget proposals considered by the committee during this period affecting health, welfare and Social Security. Mr. Rock is recognized as an expert on issues related to compounding pharmacy. He has represented both trade groups and individual compounding pharmacies for over 12 years, and has been involved in both legislative and regulatory efforts during that time period. His clients include pharmacies that provide necessary compounded medications to patients and providers throughout the U.S., including both human and animal drugs. A native of Texas, Mr. Rock has a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs in Austin, Texas, where he graduated first in his class. He and his family reside in Virginia.

Dr. Karen Wernette joined the AVMA PLIT on January 2, 2007 as a Trust Representative. In this role, Dr. Wernette speaks to AVMA members insured through the PLIT-sponsored programs, answering questions related to malpractice allegations and practice situations. She also reviews professional liability claims, identify experts and appraisers for claims defense, and advise the insurance broker and underwriters regarding new developments in veterinary medicine. Dr. Wernette visit several colleges of veterinary medicine and represents the PLIT at various veterinary conventions. Dr. Wernette graduated from Michigan State University, College of Veterinary Medicine in 1982 and received a Mid-Management Development Certificate from the University of Wisconsin, School of Business in 1995

John E. Owens, MA, JD graduated from the University of Florida in 1991 with a degree in Zoology. In 1997 Mr. Owens received a Master of Arts degree in Education. After seven years as a high school science teacher and coach, Mr. Owens attended Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, Florida, graduating in 2007. Mr. Owens is admitted to the Bar in Florida and Maryland. Mr. Owens operates a solo practice concentrating on Veterinary Law, Small Business Law, Special Education Law and Estate Planning. He is a member of VetPartners, and is a Past-President of the American Veterinary Medical Law Association. Mr. Owens is married to Dr. Rebecca Owens. They reside in Crofton, Maryland with their 3 children.