

**Oklahoma State Medical Association and  
Physicians Liability Insurance Company  
Integrus Health: Baptist Medical Center,  
Mabee Foyer Auditorium, Conference Center  
The American Board of Legal Medicine  
The American College of Legal Medicine Presents  
“A Day With The Judges: Medical, Hospital, MCO & Product Liability”  
October 30, 2009**

**TITLE:** “Landmark Malpractice Decisions of the Oklahoma Supreme Court”

**FACULTY:** The Honorable Marian P. Opala, Justice, Supreme Court of Oklahoma

Justice Opala began his legal career as assistant county attorney in Oklahoma County and held this position until 1956 when he entered private practice. He first served the Supreme Court of Oklahoma as a referee from 1960 to 1965. Later he was staff lawyer for Justice Rooney McInerney. For nine years Justice Opala directed the state’s court system as its first administrative director. He served as judge on the State Industrial Court when it was renamed the Workers’ Compensation Court. On November 21, 1978, the then-Governor, now OU President David Boren appointed him to the Supreme Court of Oklahoma. Since 1982, he has been retained for successive six year terms. He served as the court’s Chief Justice from January 1, 1991-December 31, 1992. He is the author of numerous legal papers, and he is an adjunct professor in three law schools: University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City University, and the University of Tulsa. He is a frequent lecturer at various national judicial and legal education programs.

**TIME:** 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm - .50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

After attending the activity the physician should be able to:

- a. Know the situations that lead to a summary dismissal of the lawsuit, that is without trial; and
- b. Comprehend the doctrine of *res ipsa loquitur* (The thing speaks for itself).

**Accreditation Statement:**

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the Physicians Liability Insurance Company. The Oklahoma State Medical Association (OSMA) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

The OSMA designates this educational activity for a maximum of .50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.

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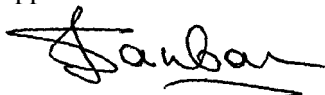
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**Faculty Disclosure/CME Planning Committee Disclosure:**

The faculty and CME Planning Committee have no relevant financial relationships to disclose.

The OSMA CME Manager has reviewed all faculty information and has resolved all conflicts of interest if applicable.



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