

and states argue that these acts should cover fraudulent claims upon private insurance as well.

Another of the drawbacks of the book is that it leans heavily on New York State laws and regulations. To remedy this, the book could include more tables giving a state-by-state indication of the legal procedures the book raises. Such a table is included for statutes of limitation (p 66, Table 2), but not for other legal procedures, such as for standards of care. Addi-

tional tables would make the book more practical and user friendly for dental practitioners in all states. Lastly, I would suggest a list of relevant federal and state Web sites that the reader could access to investigate pertinent federal and state laws and regulations. Better yet, the author could provide a Web site that would track any relevant court cases or legislation impacting current laws and regulations that affect dentistry.

Overall, this book would be a valu-

able tool in any dental professional's office. The office audit (chapter 18) alone is worth the price and time spent on the book. If more dentists understood and followed the information and suggestions in this book, their risk and potential liabilities would go down.—*Douglas T. Manning, DMD, JD, MPH, University of Florida College of Dentistry, Division of Public Health Services and Research, PO Box 100404, Gainesville, FL 32610-0404. E-mail: dtmanning@yahoo.com.*

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### Maria Teresa Canto, DDS, MPH

#### Appointments

**Valerie Robison, DDS, PhD, MPH**, joined the Division of Oral Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a dental officer/epidemiologist in November 2002. Dr. Robison resides in Atlanta, GA, with her husband and two children. She received her PhD and DDS from the University of North Carolina and her MPH from Johns Hopkins University. From 1996 to 2002, Dr. Robison was on the faculty of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University. Between 1996 and 1999 she directed field activities in northern Thailand for the HIV/AIDS collaborative research program between Johns Hopkins and Chiang Mai universities. Previous professional roles include senior lecturer at the Department of Community Dentistry, University of Dar es Salaam Faculty of Dentistry in Tanzania; national coor-

dinator of Community Oral Health Programs in Tanzania; and director of the Hospital Dental Department in Kathmandu, Nepal. Currently, Dr. Robison is an active volunteer in international programs of the American Dental Association and Health Volunteers.

#### Awards

**Alice M. Horowitz, PhD, MA, RDH**, received the Hispanic Dental Association President's Award at the association's annual meeting held in San Diego, CA, in November 2002. The award recognized her efforts to better the oral health of diverse US populations, as well as her mentorship of Hispanic oral health professionals. Dr. Horowitz is senior scientist at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. She earned her dental hygiene, undergraduate, and master's degrees at the University of Iowa and her PhD in health education at the University of Maryland. Dr. Horowitz is a

past president of AAPHD.

**Dushanka V. Kleinman, DDS, MScD**, received the Hispanic Dental Association President's Award at the association's annual meeting held in San Diego, CA, in November 2002. The award was in recognition for her dedication and support of oral health research and initiatives to reduce oral health disparities in the United States. Dr. Kleinman is the deputy director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research and the chief dental officer of the US Public Health Service. She received her DDS from the College of Dentistry of the University of Illinois and her MScD from the Henry M. Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry, Boston University. Dr. Kleinman is a past president of AAPHD, and a diplomate and past president of the American Board of Dental Public Health.