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## **Health Coalition on Liability and Access Announces 2020 Board of Directors, Executive Committee**

WASHINGTON, DC – The Health Coalition on Liability and Access (HCLA) today announced the organization’s Board of Directors and Executive Committee members for 2020, following the annual meeting held earlier this month.

As Sustaining Members of the HCLA, Board seats were granted to the American Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological Surgeons, the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American Medical Association, the Cooperative of American Physicians, MLMIC Insurance, the Medical Professional Liability (MPL) Association, NORCAL Group, and Physicians Insurance - A Mutual Company.

The American College of Surgeons and American Hospital Association were confirmed as Contributing Member Representatives, and the American Osteopathic Association, as a Regular Member Representative.

The Board of Directors elected the following representatives to serve as Officers and Executive Committee Members for the year:

- **Mike Stinson**, MPL Association - Chair
- **Katie Orrico**, American Association of Neurological Surgeons – Vice-chair
- **Catherine Hayes**, American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons – Secretary
- **George Cox**, American Medical Association - At-large Executive Committee Member

“Given the particularly heightened awareness of the need for medical liability protection in the wake of a global pandemic, I am thankful for the opportunity to continue to advance the HCLA’s agenda by reducing medical lawsuit abuse through comprehensive action at the federal level,” said HCLA Chair Mike Stinson.

The HCLA will also be working through its focus committees on specific initiatives. Elizabeth Healy of The Doctors Company will serve as Legislative Committee chair, Dr. Stuart Weinstein, M.D. will continue as spokesperson and lead the Public Affairs Committee, and Simit Pandya of the MPL Association will lead the group’s Grassroots Committee.

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