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When I first learned about the Michael F. Anthony Health Law Scholarship, it felt like an incredible opportunity. As a first-generation student

balancing full-time law school and work, attending a health law conference like AHLA's Fundamentals of Health Law had always felt like something I could only dream about. This scholarship didn't just help make it possible—it also gave me a chance to honor the legacy of Michael F. Anthony, someone whose contributions to health care law have inspired so many.

Without this financial assistance, attending the conference would have been nearly impossible. Registration fees, travel, and accommodations are expensive, and as a student, that kind of cost can be a real barrier. But thanks to this scholarship, I was able to fully focus on the experience—learning from leaders in the field, connecting with professionals, and gaining insights I can carry into my future career.

I came to the conference eager to build on my understanding of health care law, especially in areas like regulatory compliance and current industry trends. From the moment it began, it exceeded every expectation I had.

One session that really stood out to me focused on Stark Law and the Anti-Kickback Statute. These are complex areas of law and understanding them is essential for someone who hopes to work with health care providers and organizations. The session didn't just review the rules—it provided real-world examples and strategies that made everything feel so much more applicable.

Another highlight was a panel titled “What to Expect When You are Expecting More Change in Health Law Next Year.” The discussion on upcoming legal challenges and opportunities in health care law gave me a much better understanding of how dynamic this field is. It also got me thinking about how attorneys play such an important role in balancing innovation and access to care while navigating an ever-changing regulatory environment.

Networking was another huge part of the experience for me. The lunch and Early Career Professionals Council dinner gave me the chance to meet attorneys, compliance officers, and other students. One of the most meaningful conversations I had was with an associate who talked about their early career challenges and gave me practical advice on building relationships in the field. Their encouragement reminded me why I'm pursuing this path and helped me feel even more excited about my future in health care law.

This experience has been a turning point for me. I left the conference feeling more confident in my ability to take on the legal issues health care providers face and more inspired about how I can make a difference in this industry.

Since returning, I've already started applying what I learned. For example, I've approached health care litigation topics with a much broader perspective, incorporating regulatory analysis into my arguments. I'm also eager to share what I gained with my peers at the University of Florida Levin College of Law and within our Health Law Association. Whether through presentations, group discussions, or collaborative projects, I want to make sure others can benefit from these insights too.

Attending the conference also motivated me to get more involved with AHLA. I want to continue engaging with its community, participate in future events, and explore programs designed for students and early career professionals. AHLA's network provides an incredible space to learn, grow, and connect with others who are equally passionate about health care law.

The financial support from AHLA made all the difference. Knowing that my travel, lodging, and registration costs were covered allowed me to focus fully on the conference experience without the added stress of financial strain.

But more than that, being selected as a recipient of the Michael F. Anthony Health Law Scholarship meant something deeply personal to me. It was an honor to be associated with Michael F. Anthony's legacy and everything he stood for. His commitment to advancing health care law and supporting those coming up in the field continues to inspire me, and I'm incredibly grateful to have been given the opportunity to represent his name in this way.

To anyone thinking about applying for this scholarship, don't hesitate. This opportunity offers so much more than financial support. It's a chance to learn from some of the best minds in health care law, build lasting professional connections, and gain practical knowledge that will stay with you throughout your career.

For me, this experience solidified my passion for health care law and my commitment to making an impact in the field. It also gave me a deeper appreciation for AHLA and the incredible work they do to support students and early career professionals.

Thank you to AHLA for believing in me and for honoring Michael F. Anthony's legacy in such a meaningful way. This experience has been truly transformative, and I will carry it with me throughout my career.

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