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Participant Biographies

Michael S. Barr, MD, MBA, FACP

Michael S. Barr is Vice President, Practice Advocacy and Improvement for the American College of Physicians. Dr. Barr's focus is on public policy relating to the patient-centered medical home, quality improvement, practice redesign, and health information technology. He has overall responsibility for the College's Center for Practice Improvement & Innovation, Regulatory and Insurer Affairs Department, and Medical Laboratory Evaluation Program. Prior to joining the ACP staff in February 2005, Dr. Barr served as the Chief Medical Officer for Baltimore Medical System, Inc. (BMS), a Joint Commission accredited, multi-site federally-qualified community health center from 1999 - 2005. Dr. Barr was on faculty in the Division of General Internal Medicine at Vanderbilt University from 1993 – 1998 and held various administrative positions including Physician Director, Medical Management Programs for the Vanderbilt Medical Group. Dr. Barr served in the United States Air Force from 1989 – 1993 at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia.

Dr. Barr completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. He is a graduate of New York University School of Medicine, the Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management, and the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Dr. Barr continues to see patients part-time at the George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates urgent care clinic and holds part-time faculty appointments at Johns Hopkins University and George Washington University.

Clyde M. Chumbley, II, MD, MBA

Dr. Clyde (Bud) Chumbley serves as the President and CEO of ProHealth Care Medical Associates, a 220 physician, multi-specialty medical group and part of ProHealth Care, an integrated health care system located in southeastern Wisconsin. Prior to assuming this role, since 1989 Dr. Chumbley had been President and CEO of Medical Associates Health Centers, a successor organization to ProHealth. In addition to his administrative duties, he continues to see gynecological patients and assist in surgery.

Dr. Chumbley is Vice Chair of the Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality Board. In addition, he chairs the Wisconsin Medical Society Holdings Board, the for profit arm of the Wisconsin Medical Society. He is also the Chair of the Program Planning Committee and President Elect of the Steering Committee of the Group Practice Improvement Network, a nonprofit organization founded by the Institute for Health Care Improvement. Dr. Chumbley also serves on the midwest Regional Policy Board of the American Hospital Association.

Dr. Chumbley received his medical degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. After completing his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology, also at the University of Missouri, he received additional training in Perinatology at the University of Cincinnati. He received his MBA in 1993 from the J.L. Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

James Cooper, JD, PhD

James Cooper is the Deputy Director of the Office of Policy Planning at the FTC. One of his primary areas of responsibility is competition advocacy involving a wide range of industries. Prior to joining the FTC, Dr. Cooper practiced law in the antitrust group at Crowell & Moring in Washington, DC. Dr. Cooper holds a JD from George Mason University School of Law and a PhD in economics from Emory University. He has published articles on topics such as price discrimination, antitrust treatment of vertical relationships, state restrictions on competition, and theory of competition advocacy in academic journals such as the *Antitrust Law Journal*, *George Mason Law Review*, *Journal of Law, Economics, & Policy*, and the *International Journal of Industrial Organization*.

Janet M. Corrigan, PhD, MBA

Dr. Corrigan is President and CEO of The National Quality Forum, a private, not-for-profit standard-setting organization established in 1999. The NQF mission includes: setting national priorities and goals for performance improvement; endorsing national consensus standards for measuring and publicly reporting on performance; and promoting the attainment of national goals through education and outreach activities. From 1998 to 2005, Dr. Corrigan was Senior Board Director at the Institute of Medicine (IOM). She provided leadership for IOM's *Quality Chasm Series* which produced ten reports during her tenure including: *To Err is Human: Building a Safer Health System* and *Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the 21st Century*. Prior to joining IOM in 1998, Dr. Corrigan was Executive Director of the President's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry.

Dr. Corrigan received her doctorate in health services research and master of industrial engineering degrees from the University of Michigan, and masters' degrees in business administration and community health from the University of Rochester. Dr. Corrigan is the recipient of numerous awards, including the IOM Cecil Award for Distinguished Service (2002), and she serves on numerous boards and committees including: Quality Alliance Steering Committee (2006 – present); Hospital Quality Alliance (2006 – present), National Center for Healthcare Leadership (2003 – present), Council for Accountable Physician Practices Advisory Council (2004 – present), and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Regional Market Project Advisory Council (2005 – present).

Elysa P. Ferrara

Elysa Ferrara is the National Director of Provider Quality and Performance Initiatives at Aetna. She is responsible for the development and implementation of Aetna's provider quality initiatives for physician, hospital and health provider incentive programs and collaborations, provider payment reform and Aetna's Institutes of Excellence and Institutes of Quality designation initiatives. Ms. Ferrara's group is also responsible for development and implementation of related Aetna policies, most recently developing Aetna's serious adverse hospital event policies. Ms. Ferrara serves as Aetna's liaison to the Leapfrog Group, Bridges to Excellence and for the National Business Coalition's EValue8 Survey. Prior to this position, Ms. Ferrara was Market Head for the New York State market with Aetna and responsible for the Northeast Region performance incentive/ pay for performance programs for hospitals and physicians managing a team of 11 staff.

Prior to joining Aetna in 1996, Ms. Ferrara was with the NYS Department of Health as Director of the Commissioner's Quality Office, a deregulation and performance measurement and quality partnership with medical, business and hospital leadership. As Director of the State's Health Policy Bureau, Ms. Ferrara oversaw the NYS health planning, rural health, and numerous policy initiatives. Ms. Ferrara is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Upstate Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Nancy Foster

Nancy Foster is the Vice President for Quality and Patient Safety Policy at the American Hospital Association. In this role, she is the AHA's point person for the Hospital Quality Alliance, which is a public-private effort to provide information to consumers on the quality of care in American hospitals. Ms. Foster is the AHA's representative to the National Quality Forum, serves as a member of the National Heart Attack Coordinating Council and the Healthcare Infection Control and Prevention Advisory Committee of HHS. She provides advice to hospitals and public policy makers on opportunities to improve patient safety and quality.

Prior to joining the AHA, Ms. Foster was the Coordinator for Quality Activities at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). In this role, she was the principal staff person for the Quality Interagency Coordination Task Force, which brought Federal agencies with health care responsibilities together to jointly engage in projects to improve quality and safety. She also led the development of patient safety research agenda for AHRQ and managed a portfolio of quality and safety research grants in excess of \$10 million. Ms. Foster is a graduate of Princeton University and has completed graduate work at Chapman University and Johns Hopkins University. In 2000, she was chosen as an Excellence in Government Leadership Fellow.

Jack Fowler, PhD

Jack Fowler is President of the Foundation for Informed Medical Decision Making. The mission of the Foundation is to help patients to be as informed and involved as possible in the decisions that affect their health and well-being. Among other things, the Foundation supports research and demonstration projects designed to learn how to build effective decision support into clinical practice. Dr. Fowler is also a specialist in survey research methods. He is author or co-author of four widely used text books on survey research methods. Much of his research has been focused on measuring patients' health care experiences, the way they perceive their health care, and how they are affected by the care they receive. He has been a Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Survey Research at UMass Boston since 1971.

Irene Fraser, PhD

Irene Fraser, Ph.D. is a political scientist who has specialized in research on Medicaid, private health insurance, and health care delivery. Since 1995, she has been at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, where she is Director of the Center for Delivery, Organization, and Markets. The focus of this Center and Dr. Fraser's current work is on improving the quality and value of health care by improving the organization, structure, and financing of health care organizations and markets.

Dr. Fraser also spent eight years working on access and delivery issues at the American Hospital Association. Earlier in her career, Dr. Fraser was Associate Professor of Political Science and director of the Public Policy Program at Barat College and adjunct faculty to the

Institute for Health Law at Loyola School of Law. Dr. Fraser has published numerous articles on health policy issues in journals such as *Health Affairs*, *Inquiry*, *Health Care Financing Review*, *Journal of Healthcare Management*, *Journal of Ambulatory Care Management*, and *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*. Dr. Fraser has a B.A. in Political Science and Spanish from Chatham College, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Illinois.

Paul B. Ginsburg, PhD

Paul Ginsburg is President of the Center for Studying Health System Change (HSC). Founded in 1995 by Dr. Ginsburg, HSC conducts research to inform policymakers and other audiences about changes in organization of financing and delivery of care and their effects on people. HSC is widely known for the objectivity and technical quality of its research and its success in communicating it to policy makers and the media, as well as to the research community.

Dr. Ginsburg is particularly known for his understanding of health care markets and health care costs. He has been named six times to *Modern Healthcare's* list of the 100 most powerful persons in health care. Before founding HSC, Dr. Ginsburg served as the founding Executive Director of the predecessor to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. Widely regarded as highly influential, the Commission developed the Medicare physician payment reform proposal that was enacted by the Congress in 1989.

Ardis Dee Hoven, MD

Dr. Ardis Dee Hoven, an internal medicine and infectious disease specialist in Lexington, Ky, was elected to the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees (BOT) in June 2005. Prior to her election to the AMA-BOT, Dr. Hoven most recently served as a member and chair of the AMA Council on Medical Service. In that capacity, she viewed access to health care, covering the uninsured, and Medicare and Medicaid reform to be high-priority issues, and she contributed to AMA policy in these and other areas. Dr. Hoven was a member of the Utilization Review and Accreditation Commission for six years and served on its executive committee. Additional activities have included service on the Group Practice Advisory Council of the AMA and an appointment to the Practicing Physicians Advisory Commission.

Dr. Hoven currently serves as the AMA-BOT representative on the AMA Foundation board, the COLA board, the AMA-convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® and the E-Force Oversight Body. Dr. Hoven also has been active at the state level. She was president of the Kentucky Medical Association from 1993 to 1994 and has served as a delegate to the AMA from Kentucky for the past 16 years. In her role as an infectious disease physician, she has actively participated on the governor's task force for HIV/AIDS and currently is serving in an advisory capacity.

Dr. Hoven received her undergraduate degree in microbiology and then her medical degree from the University of Kentucky, Lexington. She completed her internal medicine and infectious disease training at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Since then, she has been in active practice and currently is the medical director of the Bluegrass Care Clinic, an infectious disease and HIV/AIDS practice affiliated with the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. Board-certified in internal medicine and infectious disease, Dr. Hoven is a member of the American College of Physicians, and the Infectious Disease Society of America. She has been the recipient of many awards, including the University of Kentucky College of Medicine

Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Kentucky Medical Association Distinguished Service Award.

Vincent E. Kerr, MD

Dr. Vincent Kerr is the Chief Clinical Officer and President, Care Solutions at UnitedHealthcare Company serving the large employer. He is responsible for network and clinical strategy and policy related to clinical matters. He is involved in leading the UnitedHealthcare effort to promote transparency for quality and efficiency within the network and is focused on enhancing the value proposition of UnitedHealthcare to consumers and employers.

Prior to joining Uniprise, Dr. Kerr was Director of Healthcare Management at Ford Motor Company, where he led all healthcare purchasing and decision making for the second largest private purchaser of healthcare in the country. At Ford, Dr. Kerr was also responsible for the health and safety of Ford employees globally, and the operation of 100 medical clinics with over 500 physicians and nurses at Ford's major manufacturing facilities globally. Prior to joining Ford, Dr. Kerr served in a number of roles at GE, including the position of Company Medical Director.

Dr. Kerr has also served in a leadership capacity on a number of national boards and committees including the National Business Group on Health, NCQA, BTE, The National Partnership for Women and Families, the Leapfrog Group, and the President's Commission on Certification for Healthcare Information Technology. Dr. Kerr attended Harvard University and received his medical degree from the Yale University School of Medicine. He is trained in internal and occupational medicine and is also trained as a Six Sigma Quality Champion.

Peter V. Lee, JD

Peter Lee, JD, as the Executive Director for National Health Policy of the Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH), oversees the efforts of PBGH to shape national and state policies to reinforce purchasers' efforts to improve the affordability and accessibility of high quality health care. Mr. Lee represents the perspective of purchasers seeking to promote high value in health care by working on California and national policy and quality reform efforts. Mr. Lee is a member of the boards of the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA), California Regional Health Information Organization (CalRHIO), the National Business Coalition on Health, and is the co-chair of the Consumer/Purchaser Disclosure Project, a national effort to promote better transparency of health care providers' performance.

Mr. Lee has served on numerous national and statewide bodies, such as the Institute of Medicine's Crossing the Quality Chasm Summit Committee and the State of California's Managed Health Care Improvement Task Force. He is a frequent speaker and commentator on national health care quality issues and has authored a number of studies, including reports on health care quality information and patient advocacy programs. Mr. Lee served as the Chief Executive Officer of PBGH from 2000 to 2007.

Before joining PBGH, Mr. Lee was the Executive Director of the Center for Health Care Rights, where he oversaw the Center's direct service, research and advocacy efforts seeking to ensure that consumers are represented at every level of the health care system. Previously, Mr. Lee was an attorney with the Los Angeles firm of Tuttle & Taylor and, in the 1980s, he worked on health care issues in Washington, DC, where he was the Director of Programs for the National

AIDS Network. He received his law degree from the University of Southern California and his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

Kristin Madison, JD, PhD

Kristin Madison is a Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 2000 and her Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University in 2001. After graduating from college, she worked for Lewin-VHI, where she contributed to several articles evaluating the delivery of mental health care services. As part of her dissertation work, she used Medicare data to explore the relationships between the presence of health provider affiliations (including multihospital systems and physician-hospital organizations) and patient treatment.

Dr. Madison's current research examines the implications of the dissemination of health care quality measures for health care regulation, and, more broadly, for health care providers and patients. In *Regulating Health Care Quality in an Information Age*, 40 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 1577 (2007), she describes quality measures' role in enhancing market-channeling and market-facilitating forms of regulation and assesses the implications of these shifts for patients. She also outlines steps that regulators can take to take better advantage of the benefits that the information revolution has offered. In *Hospital Mergers in an Era of Quality Improvement*, 7 HOUS. J. HEALTH L. & POL'Y 265 (2007), she discusses the role that quality arguments and quality measures played in the recent Evanston-Northwestern Hospital merger challenge and in hospital merger analysis more generally. Dr. Madison is also working on an article that will trace the recent expansion of state-mandated health care quality reporting across the country.

Markus H. Meier, JD, MPA

Markus H. Meier is the Assistant Director of the Health Care Division of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition in Washington, D.C. In this capacity, he has day-to-day management responsibility for an office comprised of more than thirty lawyers, paralegals, and support staff. Mr. Meier also leads investigations and litigation involving alleged violations of the antitrust law by physicians and other health-care professionals, pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and health plans. Mr. Meier first joined the FTC in 1990, and left the FTC in January 1998 to join the law firm of Collier, Shannon, Rill & Scott for a year and a half, where he worked on private antitrust litigation and counseling, and represented clients before the FTC and Department of Justice. Mr. Meier also has served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney, prosecuting criminal cases in the Eastern District of Virginia, and as a resident advisor to the Indonesian Competition Commission in Jakarta.

Prior to joining the FTC, Markus served as an officer in the United States Army. He is a graduate of the George Mason School of Law, has a Masters degree in Public Administration from Old Dominion University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia.

Karen Milgate, MPP

Karen Milgate is the Director, Office of Policy, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and her responsibilities include managing the office responsible for the agency's crosscutting policy and strategic planning. She also serves as the Executive Director for the agency's Policy Council, the entity charged with key strategic planning matters. With over 18 years of health policy experience, Ms. Milgate previously held the position of Research Director at the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). At MedPAC she led

efforts to analyze strategies for improving and measuring quality for Medicare beneficiaries, including analysis of pay for performance strategies, information technology, and care coordination. Prior to her work at MedPAC, she served as the Deputy Executive Vice President for the American Health Quality Association (AHQA).

From 1994-2000, Ms. Milgate was with the American Hospital Association where she was responsible for policies on topics such as hospital quality and safety measures, and helped the AHA develop a framework for accountability for quality. She represented the AHA as a Board member of the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission and at the National Association of Insurance Commissioners meetings when they developed model health plan standards. She also represented the AHA and AHQA at the National Quality Forum. Ms. Milgate has a Masters degree in Public Policy from the University of Maryland and undergraduate degrees in Economics and International Studies from the American University.

Beth Nash, MD

Dr. Nash serves as Manager, Partner & Product Development at Consumers Union (CU), an expert, independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to work for a fair, just, and safe marketplace for all consumers. Dr. Nash works across the organization to build and maintain a strong and trustworthy network of external content providers for CU's health information products.

Previously, Dr. Nash was Business Development Manager at the BMJ Publishing Group, a leading independent medical publisher, where she developed and managed partnerships and created evidence based medical content for doctors and patients. Prior to that, she was Chief Medical Officer at Physicians' Online, an online service exclusively for doctors, and was responsible for product and business development. She has also served as Vice President and Medical Director of Private Healthcare Systems, a managed care organization in Waltham, MA and was on the faculty at Harvard Medical School and a member of the Infectious Diseases staff at the Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, MA.

Dr. Nash holds a BS degree from Cornell University. She received her MD degree and completed her residency training in Internal Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She completed her fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the Brigham and Women's and Beth Israel Hospitals and Harvard Medical School.

Barbra Rabson

Barbra Rabson has been the executive director of the Massachusetts Health Quality Partners (MHQP) since 1998. Under Ms. Rabson's leadership, MHQP has become a trusted source of physician performance information in Massachusetts, and MHQP is nationally recognized for its collaborative approach to collecting and reporting performance information to improve care. MHQP is one of six quality coalitions selected nationwide to be a BQI (Better Quality Information) pilot site for aggregating commercial and Medicare claims data. Ms. Rabson was the principal investigator for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Rewarding Results grant awarded to MHQP to evaluate how financial and non-financial incentives impact the of quality care.

Ms. Rabson is a founding member of the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI), a national network of regional quality collaboratives. She serves on the Boards of the Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative (MAeHc), and the Partnership for Healthcare Excellence, and is a member of Health Care for All's Advisory Committee on Quality Initiatives. She is a

member of the Technical Advisory Committee of the High-Value Health Care Project of the Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform at the Brookings Institute, and also serves on the Infrastructure Workgroup of the Quality Alliance Steering Committee (QASC).

Ms. Rabson received her Masters in Public Health from Yale University and her undergraduate degree from Brandeis University. Ms. Rabson also participated in the Executive Leadership Development Program at the Hauser Center for Non Profit Organizations, where she studied Strategy and Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

John M. Richardson, MPP

John Richardson is a Principle Policy Analyst at the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). Mr. Richardson's primary areas of interest and expertise include quality measurement, pay-for-performance, health information technology, and delivery system reform.

Prior to joining MedPAC, Mr. Richardson was a vice president at Avalere Health, a Washington strategic advisory and consulting firm. Previously, he was director of program development at CalOptima, a Medicaid managed care organization in Orange County, California. He also worked as a program examiner in the Health Financing Branch of the Office of Management and Budget, focusing on physician payment, beneficiary cost-sharing, and overall Medicare budget issues. Mr. Richardson holds a M.P.P. from Duke University (1993) and an A.B. from Harvard University (1988).

Patricia Schultheiss, JD

Patricia Schultheiss is an attorney in the FTC's Bureau of Competition, Division of Policy and Coordination. Since she joined the FTC in 1980 as a staff attorney, she has served in many capacities, including as an advisor to the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection (1983-85), and as an attorney advisor for antitrust to Commissioner Varney (1996-97) and Commissioner Anthony (1997-1999). Throughout her career, Ms. Schultheiss has worked on a variety of investigations and projects involving the health care and pharmaceutical industries. She was the primary author of three chapters of the 2004 FTC/DOJ Report: *Improving Health Care: A Dose of Competition*, and worked with Mr. Wroblewski on the 2005 FTC Report: *Pharmacy Benefit Managers: Ownership of Mail-Order Pharmacies*.

Ms. Schultheiss left the Commission from March 1987 to June 1990 to serve as in-house counsel and Director of Policy for the American Pharmacists Association. During this time she also taught business law at the George Washington University School of Government and Business Administration. Ms. Schultheiss received her B.A. *summa cum laude* from The State University College of New York at Oneonta, and her JD *magna cum laude* from Rutgers University School of Law-Newark.

Richard Sorian

Richard Sorian is the Vice President for Public Policy and External Relations at the National Committee for Quality Assurance. He is responsible for the development of NCQA's public policy strategy, its work with the Federal government and the States, as well as its media, marketing and communications operations. Mr. Sorian also works closely with NCQA's stakeholder partners including employers, consumer advocacy organizations, labor unions and others. Prior to joining NCQA in 2003, Mr. Sorian was a Senior Researcher at the Center for

Studying Health System Change, where he conducted research into local and regional health care markets in such areas as access, coverage, costs and quality improvement. From 1998 to 2001, Mr. Sorian was on the faculty of Georgetown University's Institute for Health Care Research and Policy, where his research portfolio focused on consumer information and rights in health care, HIV/AIDS policy development, and the information practices and needs of Federal and State policymakers. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Sorian was a senior official in the Clinton Administration, including serving as Deputy Director of the President's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry, which developed the Patients' Bill of Rights and the blueprint for the creation of the National Quality Forum.

From 1980 to 1993, Mr. Sorian was an award-winning journalist and editor of *Medicine & Health*, a news publication focused on U.S. health policy development. He is the author of numerous articles and three books including "The Bitter Pill: Tough Choices in America's Health Policy" (McGraw-Hill, 1989); "A New Deal for Health Care," (Faulkner & Gray, 1993); and "The Healthcare 500," (Faulkner & Gray, 1994). Mr. Sorian holds a joint degree in Journalism and Political Science from The George Washington University. In 1989, he was awarded the Harvard Journalism Fellowship for Advance Studies in Public Health.

Andrew Webber

Andrew Webber joined the National Business Coalition on Health (NBCH) as President and CEO in June of 2003. NBCH is a national, not-for-profit, membership organization of 60 purchaser-based coalitions on health, dedicated to improving health, transforming health care, community by community. Mr. Webber is responsible for overseeing all association activities including value based purchasing programs, government and external relations, educational programs, member communications and technical assistance, and research and evaluation.

Mr. Webber currently sits on the Board of Directors of the National Quality Forum, the Leapfrog Group, the Bridges to Excellence organization, Prometheus Payment Incorporated, and the Center for Information Therapy. He is a Principal of the Hospital Quality Alliance and NBCH is a member of the Ambulatory Quality Alliance, the Consumer-Purchaser Disclosure Project, and the Partnership for Value Driven Health Care. Mr. Webber is also a member of the Quality Alliance Steering Committee Purchaser/Business Advisory Councils for the National Committee for Quality Assurance, the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, and the eHealth Initiative.

Prior to joining NBCH, Mr. Webber was a Vice President for External Relations and Public Policy at the National Committee for Quality Assurance. Previous positions also include Senior Associate for the Consumer Coalition for Quality Health Care and Executive Vice President for the American Medical Peer Review Association (currently renamed the American Health Quality Association). Mr. Webber is a frequent speaker and lecturer on health policy issues. He is a graduate of Harvard University.

Michael S. Wroblewski, JD, MPA

Michael Wroblewski returned to the FTC in June 2008 as an attorney in the FTC's Bureau of Competition. From 1998-2006, Mr. Wroblewski served in several capacities at the FTC, including Assistant General Counsel for Policy Studies in the Office of the General Counsel, and as an attorney advisor to Commissioner Leary. During this time, he directed many of the Commission's efforts to study competition issues in the pharmaceutical and electric power industries. He oversaw the Commission's efforts to examine whether a conflict of interest exists

when a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) owns a mail-order pharmacy and to examine the competition issues raised by the Hatch-Waxman Amendments to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, which govern the approval of generic drug products. He is the primary author of the 2005 FTC Report *Pharmacy Benefit Managers: Ownership of Mail-Order Pharmacies*, and of the 2002 FTC study *Generic Drug Entry Prior to Patent Expiration*. He is the primary author of two reports (2000 and 2001) that examined competition and consumer protection issues in the electric power industry. During his tenure at the FTC, he also has assisted in directing the Commission's efforts to evaluate trends in prices for refined petroleum products and competition issues raised by online commerce.

In 2007 and 2008, Mr. Wroblewski worked at Consumers Union, the non-profit publisher of *ConsumerReports*, in which he led a team to research and develop CU health care service provider ratings (doctors, hospitals, nursing homes, insurance providers). Prior to joining the FTC in 1998, he was a telecommunications attorney in the Washington, D.C. offices of Latham & Watkins and of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard McPherson & Hand. He attended Loyola College, receiving his B.S., B.B.A. *Magna Cum Laude* in Finance and Computer Science. In 1992, Mr. Wroblewski received his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law, and a Masters in Public Affairs from the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs.