

2010 Distinguished Member Award

Laurie Rinehart-Thompson, JD, RHIA, CHP

OHIMA's highest honor, the Distinguished Member Award, recognizes Laurie Rinehart-Thompson for demonstrating exceptional leadership and service to OHIMA throughout her career.

Work History:

Laurie started her career as a director of medical records at a community hospital. After working there four years, she followed by taking law classes and sitting for the bar, passing in 1994. She had held various positions as expert witness, home health coordinator, adjunct lecturer, security consultant, and assistant professor. Today, she is Associate Professor of Clinical Allied Medicine at The Ohio State University in the College of Medicine, School of Allied Medical professions, Health Information Management and Systems Division. In each role, Laurie has demonstrated skill, expertise, leadership and professionalism; all key characteristics of a Health Information Professional.

Laurie has not only demonstrated the above characteristics in her chosen career path, but has demonstrated them through her continued volunteerism through activities with AHIMA, OHIMA, and COHIMA. Her professional activities are too numerous to mention but some highlights include:

AHIMA

Laurie has served on several key committees including the Privacy and Security Practice Council most recently, as well as a member of the committee that developed the framework for the document *Vision 2016*. She also was a member of the Release of Information Workgroup, The CHP Exam Construction Committee, was an item writer for the CHP National Exam, and served on the Advocacy and Policy Committee.

OHIMA

Laurie has recently served on the Board of Directors as a delegate to AHIMA. Other roles have included Director of the strategy overseeing the OHIMA Annual Meeting.

COHIMA

Laurie was President, President-elect as well as Director/Past present of the Central Ohio HIMA.

School of Allied Medical Professions

Laurie has served as Advisor of Health Information Management & Systems Student Organization, Division Liaison – SAMP Student Council; Honors and Research Committee; Faculty Affairs Committee on Instructional Technology; Faculty Affairs Committee; and Chairperson of Curriculum Committee.

Laurie has authored many publications. Though too numerous to list here, she is a very well published author of publications in the books, *Fundamentals of Law for Health Informatics and Information Management*, *Health Information Management Technology: An Applied Approach*, *Ethical Challenges in the Management of Health Information*, as well as many other books and articles.

We are pleased to recognize Laurie as one of Ohio's outstanding HIM professionals. Please join us in congratulating Laurie Rinehart-Thompson as the 2010 OHIMA Distinguished Member.

