

## Meet Two Members of AHLA's Advisory Council on Racial & Ethnic Diversity



**Maria E. Gonzalez Knavel**

Maria E. Gonzalez Knavel is a partner with Foley & Lardner LLP in Milwaukee, WI. A member of the firm's Health Care and Life Sciences Industry Teams and White Collar Defense & Corporate Compliance Practice, she counsels healthcare clients on corporate matters and general operational issues of hospitals and healthcare facilities, compliance issues, Medicare reimbursement, and the acquisition and sale of medical practices and groups. Prior to entering law school, she managed a medical clinic for twelve years.

Maria's professional activities include national speaking engagements on healthcare fraud, critical compliance issues and voluntary disclosure, physician contracting and affiliations under Stark II, and OIG compliance. She also has been quoted in national health publications including the *Health Care Program Compliance Guide*, *Health Care Fraud Report*, and *Physician Practice Compliance Report*.

Maria was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and still maintains her fluency in Spanish. When not busy at the office, Maria serves on the Board of the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County in Wisconsin. This is Maria's first year serving on AHLA's Advisory Council on Racial and Ethnic Diversity. She can be reached by email at [mgonzalezknavel@foley.com](mailto:mgonzalezknavel@foley.com).



**Terri-Lynne B. Smiles**

Terri Smiles is a partner at Collis Smiles & Collis LLC in Columbus, OH. Terri brings a well-known healthcare, physician practice, disciplinary hearing and appeal, and nonprofit background to the firm.

She has been named in Woodward/White Inc.'s 2007 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*® and in *Law and Politics Magazine's* "Super Lawyer" for 2004, 2005, and 2006. She has served as a Council of Delegates Member of the Ohio State Bar Association, as Chair of the Columbus Bar Association's Health Law Section, and as Board Chair of the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations.

In addition to her busy law practice, Terri currently serves as legal advisor to Fore Hope Inc., a national non-profit organization that uses golf as an instrument to help in the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities or an inactive lifestyle. She also volunteers at the Skating Club of Central Ohio, serves as a Fellow of the Ohio State Bar Foundation, and is a member of the Health Policy Institute of Ohio.

When Terri is not in the office, she enjoys reading, hiking and playing video games. This is her second year serving on AHLA's Advisory Council on Racial and Ethnic Diversity. She can be reached by email at [terri@collislaw.com](mailto:terri@collislaw.com).