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Healthcare and Human Dignity

Law Matters

FRANK M. MCCLELLAN

"This is an excellent book. The stories are terrific, the analysis pitched just right, and the underlying themes of fair treatment, dignity, and inequality of treatment based on race are well-developed."

—Barry R. Furrow, Director, the Health Law Program, Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Drexel University

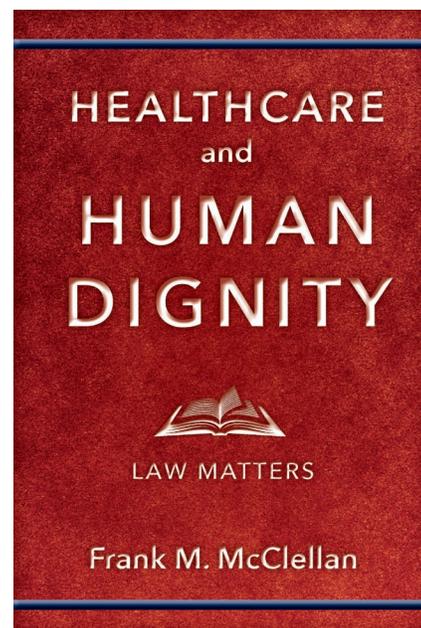
"McClellan's writing blends ethical arguments, lay persons' understandings of dignity, and legal frameworks very well. I felt as I was reading that someone was clearly and carefully walking me through stories about human dignity, medicine, and the law. His is a very humanistic legal gaze."

—Nora L. Jones, Director of Bioethics Education, Center for Bioethics, Urban Health and Policy, Temple University

The individual and structural biases that affect the American health care system have serious emotional and physical consequences that all too often go unseen. These biases are often rooted in power, class, racial, gender or sexual orientation prejudices, and as a result, the injured parties usually lack the resources needed to protect themselves. In *Healthcare and Human Dignity*, individual worth, equality, and autonomy emerge as the dominant values at stake in encounters with doctors, nurses, hospitals, and drug companies. Although the public is aware of legal battles over autonomy and dignity in the context of death, the everyday patient's need for dignity has received scant attention. Thus, in *Healthcare*, law professor Frank McClellan's collection of cases and individual experiences bring these stories to life and establish beyond doubt that human dignity is of utmost priority in the everyday process of health care decision making.

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