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Sara Rosenbaum is the Harold and Jane Hirsh Professor of Health Law and Policy and Chair of the Department of Health Policy at the George Washington University Medical Center, School of Public Health and Health Services. Professor Rosenbaum also directs the Hirsh Health Law and Policy Program and the Center for Health Services Research and Policy.

Professor Rosenbaum has focused her career, which began as a legal services attorney for the poor, on health care for low income, minority and medically underserved populations. Over the years, she has played a major role in the design of federal and state legislative and regulatory health policy in a wide range of areas, including Medicaid, private health insurance and employee health benefits, health services for medically underserved persons, maternal and child health, civil rights, and public health. In 1993 and 1994, Professor Rosenbaum worked for the White House Domestic Policy Council, where she directed the drafting of the Health Security Act for President Clinton.

In addition to her research and academic leadership activities, Professor Rosenbaum is co-author of Law and the American Health Care System (Foundation Press, NY, NY) a widely used health law textbook and also is a recipient of a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator’s Award in Health Policy Research. Professor Rosenbaum has been named one of America’s 500 most influential health policymakers and has been recognized by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for distinguished national service on behalf of Medicaid beneficiaries.

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“The Elimination of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care: Focusing on What is Real and True in Medicaid’s Fortieth Year”

The Medicaid program is the foundation that supports health care for the nation’s poorest and most vulnerable residents, and the health care safety net on which they depend. Now in its 40th year, this largest and yet most misunderstood of all public programs faces unprecedented challenges to its survival. How these challenges are resolved not only will shape the health care system for decades to come, but also will test the veracity of the commitment on the part of political leaders to the reduction of racial, ethnic, and economic disparities in health and health care.

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The Stuart Rome Lecture was established by his family and friends to celebrate Stuart Rome’s life and work as attorney, community activist, art patron and humanitarian. The annual lecture is designed to reflect his extraordinarily widespread interest and commitments, stimulating and challenging both those who speak and those who listen.

A native of Baltimore, Mr. Rome graduated from City College in 1954, earned his LL.B. from Yale Law School in 1961, and later that year was admitted to the Maryland Bar. From 1961 to 1963, he served as law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Edward S. Northrup, and was an assistant state’s attorney general for two years before joining Venable, Baetjer and Howard in 1965. In addition to his many hours of pro bono legal work, Mr. Rome devoted his time to numerous organizations, including the NAACP, Echo House, the Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Art and Culture, the Baltimore Association of Retarded Citizens, the Maryland State Arts Council, the Board of Governors of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Baltimore Jewish Council, the American Jewish Committee and the Baltimore Museum of Art.

Stuart Rome died in 1983 at the age of 46.

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