Richard R Thacker, DO, MACOI is the Associate Dean of Clinical Resources at the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine and has been involved with ACOM since 2013 when the college was founded. He began his tenure as Tallahassee Medical Education Director. In 2018 he accepted a position as Assistant Dean of Clinical Sciences and Clinical Resources and in 2021 he was promoted to his current position. As a Dean he has complete responsibility for the predoctoral education of all 3rd and 4th year students and has been instrumental in the oversight and development of an expansive clinical network of training sites throughout Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. In his role as Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, Dr. Thacker assists with teaching Primary Clinical Skills Lab, gastroenterology, hospice related subjects, international health, and Osteopathic Principles and Practice.

Dr. Thacker received his osteopathic medicine degree from Nova Southeastern University in 1992 where he served as freshman class president and the following year as president of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association. He completed his osteopathic residency at Delaware Valley Medical Center in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, where he served as chief intern and chief medical resident as well as receiving recognition for Resident of the Year. Upon completion of post-doctoral training, Dr. Thacker began his career as a National Health Service Corp Scholar in Madison Florida at a rural community health center. He then went on to practice internal medicine at Capital Regional Medical Group in Tallahassee Florida for 23 years. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative care.

Dr. Thacker formerly served as medical director for several skilled nursing facilities in Tallahassee and surrounding counties. He was an associate medical director for Big Bend Hospice for 15 years. He is a past Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Capital Regional Medical Center after first serving as Chairman of the Department of Medicine and Chief of staff. Dr. Thacker was honored to receive the HCA Frist Humanitarian award for 2015 in recognition of his service to the Tallahassee community and participation in international medical mission trips.

At the state level, Dr. Thacker has served in multiple capacities within the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) since 1988, including President in 2006-2007. In 2008, he was honored as FOMA’s “Physician of the Year.” He continues to remain active with the Board of Trustees and both the Legislative and Finance committees.

On a national level, Dr. Thacker is a member of the AOA Board of Trustees, where he has served on and chaired several committees including Vice Chair of the Department of Education. Currently, he is a three-year member of the Executive committee, Chairman of Governmental Affairs and functions as the Treasurer for the Osteopathic Political Action Committee (OPAC).

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