



So High on Solos

I was absolutely amazed and thrilled to read the main story on solo practitioners in the November ARIZONA ATTORNEY.

I, too, have a home office and have found myself in the past “whispering” that I work primarily from home. Now I have much more reason to shout it from the bottom of my heart. I love being able to practice from my home (having decided to do so when my former partner decided to go to medical school and then decided to be a manager for a Ferrari dealership).

Unless I am at court or meeting with a client, I am usually in my home office,



fending off my 1-year-old daughter, who is thrilled to have mom home with her. I also

manage a house with three other kids, and what a blessing it is not to miss them and my husband all those hours a day I would be in the office or traveling to and from an office. Also very important to me is the gym...yes, the gym. I am there pretty much every morning unless I am in court—how many other lawyers get to boast about that?

I will say that every day I pray another client comes my way. But when they do (and they have for more than two years), I am ever so thankful. I tell my clients or clients-to-be, “Have legal problem, will travel.” I am not tied to my desk and chair and don’t get my self-esteem from my Temple law degree or my Phi Beta Kappa certificate behind my head. And, boy, do those clients appreciate my flexibility, including the fees I charge.

Thanks for such a great article.

— *Ronee Korbin Steiner*

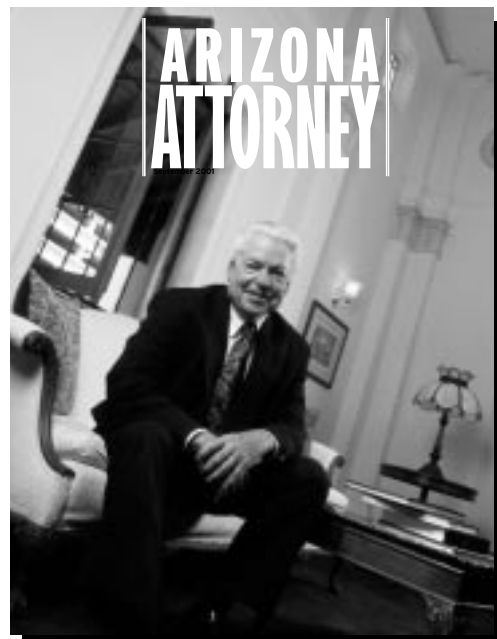
Still Learning at 70

I want to compliment ARIZONA ATTORNEY for the outstanding format and the interesting articles in the September 2001 edition.

As a 70-year-old practicing attorney, mostly full-time, since 1959, I have quite the opposite opinion from most lawyers who have denigrated CLE requirements.

As you may know, when an Arizona Bar attorney attains the age of 70, for some reason, it is thought that he has attained genius status and no longer needs CLE. Quite the opposite is true, of course, at least in my case. I would say that it would not be unreasonable to require attorneys, upon reaching the age of 70 years and still

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practicing, to double the amount of CLE requirement. Seventy-year-old lawyers may have the edge on handling difficult clients and have seen the legal questions, evidence required and central issue involved before. But they are not equipped to easily come up with, or even be aware of, changes in court rules, new statutes and legal deci-

sions on which they have previously relied.

In my opinion, if it is too much trouble for 70-year-old attorneys or younger ones to get mandatory CLE instruction, perhaps they would be better off to retire gracefully and not make any mistakes from not keeping up on the law changes.

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