



SPACE MAY BE THE FINAL FRONTIER, if Gene Roddenberry is right. In law practice, it's vital.

The space in which lawyers operate is featured in this issue, and we've located some fine space, indeed. Here, *Arizona Attorney* presents just a few of the "interesting law offices" that dot our landscape. Like well-configured offices in any profession, these reflect the personalities and needs of the lawyers who call them home. They do more than contain books and personnel; they also remind the staff every day to look up and smell the roses.

Some caveats:

- I am surprised to report that all of the law spaces featured here are at smaller firms. Clearly, exciting things are happening at all levels of law practice.

- My apologies in advance, but every office featured here is a Phoenix firm. The logistics of creating this unique issue outpaced our resources and ambitions. At the end of the day, though, I think you will enjoy browsing through others' spaces.

Help us rectify our shortcomings. By next spring, we would like to feature some unique office spaces outside Maricopa County. I've heard from a few

readers, and I'd like to hear from more. It's even more helpful if you have a photo of your space to share with us. Don't worry: If your office is selected, we will have it shot by a professional photographer, but your own photograph gives us a better idea of the space you call yours.

In the October issue, we will feature a pro-con discussion on multidisciplinary practice. In those pages, a proponent of the State Bar's openness to MDPs will spar with a lawyer who feels the practice will undermine the profession. Write a letter on the subject soon so that we may include it in that same issue.

SPACE OF ANOTHER KIND is the focus of Micah Buchdahl when he reviews Web sites of some Arizona law firms. Is your firm reviewed? Find out on page 22.

Buchdahl is a nationally recognized author and speaker on Internet marketing, and he's employed by West Group, so he's seen more than his share of sites. He's also a lawyer, and he brings all that experience to bear as he finds that, generally, Arizona law sites are well done. However, I told him that I thought he was generous in his assessment of the State Bar site, which is due (and slated) for a major rebuild. Let me know what you think.

SPACE FOR COMPETITION is the focus of a story on telephone deregulation and whether it can occur under the Arizona Constitution. As Randall Warner writes, "Fair value ratemaking is antithetical to competition, yet the constitution may well require it. It is a classic case of technology outpacing law." Will the free market reign or be reined in? The answer will be found in the interaction of the courts, the legislature and the Corporation Commission—a dilemma confronting all three branches of government.

FINALLY, PERSONAL SPACE may be under attack in cases where drug courier profiles are used, especially when "drug trafficking and motor vehicles are joined as a single search and seizure issue." But Diana Patton finds light at the end of the fourth amendment tunnel for those penning motions to suppress.

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