



# News From the Home Front

**N**OT SO LONG AGO, in a land far away (actually, California), I was a newly minted lawyer eager to practice. My skills untested and my edges rough, I plunged into life as a solo lawyer, one who practiced from my own home. Those years taught me much about law and—for good and bad—much about myself. Though the work could be difficult, some of my fondest law memories arise from that practice, when there was never enough time, but I was the one who chose how to spend it. In fact, the cases that I remember most clearly come from my home-based practice.

For that and other reasons, I am pleased that this month's magazine features a roundtable of solo attorneys, each of whom practices out of the home. In these pages, they describe their days, their difficulties and their successes. The group that gathered for an afternoon of easy conversation was diverse in many ways, but they all share a love for their work. Have you ever considered opening your own practice, at home or else-

where? These lawyers provide a hint of the pleasures such a practice can provide—as well as the patience it requires!

Also in this issue, we seek to help any lawyer who has ever been faced with the task of selecting a legal expert. Our articles provide insight into avoiding expert conflicts, and allow you to hear from experts themselves. These pieces may help you sidestep the disheartening prospect of flipping through the Yellow Pages in search of an expert on the eve of trial.

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**T**HE TRAGIC EVENTS of September 11 left the nation in shock. The only thing that is clear is that the implications of the attack on our lives cannot be fully predicted. In a future issue, we will bring you some of the stories of lawyers who performed admirably to help their fellow citizens in the face of unthinkable sadness. And we ask that you share such stories with us so that we can pass

on to readers the good works engendered by such difficult times.

As always, send your thoughts and critiques to me at [soundoff@azbar.org](mailto:soundoff@azbar.org). ▀



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