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If December is a time for fellowship and generosity of the spirit, January must be a time for ... mandatory disclosure of **malpractice insurance**.

With the new year comes the Supreme Court requirement that most State Bar members must disclose—and the Bar must publish—whether they carry professional liability insurance.

We ran a few articles last fall addressing the issue, and we hope they were helpful. Choosing whether to carry insurance or go bare, finding a good rate, getting coverage for a practice deemed higher risk—all of that is difficult stuff.

So as you comply with the Court rule, let us know how it's going. Does the change please you? And if you're looking for insurance, how is it going? We'd like to run an article in the coming year on law practice post-rule.

What else is coming into your practice this year? Perhaps **new discipline rules, new arbitration rules, even new rules on admission on motion** (i.e., **no bar exam** for out-of-state licensed lawyers). All of these are rule petitions pending at the Court. We'd like to cover these changes in 2007, so let us know your thoughts.

As we begin a new year, keep in mind a few **opportunities for reader action**.

First, remember that the deadline for the **2007 Creative Arts Competition** is January 17. The competition is where you can showcase your talent in the following categories:

- Short Fiction
- Visual Arts (including Photography, Painting, Drawing, Sculpture)
- Essays (including historical pieces)
- Poetry (including haiku and limericks)
- Humor (including cartoons and other visual humor)

Questions? Submissions? Contact the editor.


Second, let's hear from people who would like to **write a new magazine column**. And I mean *a* column.

We already have a back-page column. This new one would be the same length—and we would even run your

photo—but its author would vary every month. That will allow us to have many different lawyers express their viewpoints.

Finally, we're forming a **Puzzle Focus Group**. You read it right; that's what I said.

We are considering running a crossword puzzle in the magazine. But I want to test a possible puzzle format before we make that decision, so I am calling on puzzle mavens to contact me. I will send a sample puzzle or two to the first 20 people who express an interest. You will have the chance to try out some puzzles and let me know: too hard, too easy, too annoying.

To inquire about any of these opportunities, contact me at Tim.Eigo@staff.azbar.org. 



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