



Inviting Excellence

The magazine and the State Bar strive to be a clearinghouse for great ideas, and now we get to do it in spades. That's because it's time to kick off this year's **AzAr Writing Competition**.

Whatever your practice or experience, you may well have an article in you. Share it with us.

Our official announcement is on **page 9**, and I think you will enjoy our focus on legal topics.

Besides seeking excellent articles that improve or aid law practice, we also have a few new categories that illuminate your work and take it to another level. Exercise a different part of your already-busy brain and try your hand at writing on

- War Stories
- Profiles or Legends of the Law
- Humor in Law
- Political or Historical Commentary
- Cutting-Edge Law Ideas

Maybe calling our last category "On the Edge of the Weird" is kind of far out. But that's what we seek: ideas that are transformative, not merely descriptive; exhilarating solutions, not restated problems. Though our Spring 2004 award-winning issue can feature only so

many articles, perhaps we will publish your submission in an earlier issue. Contact me if you have questions.

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Speaking of transformative ideas, this issue contains an interview with **Judge Mary Schroeder** of the

Ninth Circuit, who has had more than her share of ideas in her career. She also has the bench from which to make them a reality. The work of Judge Schroeder and the Circuit she oversees often inflames opinion. And I'm sure you will let me hear from you regarding the Circuit's opinions, written and otherwise.



I don't often take the opportunity to note the advertising side of ARIZONA ATTORNEY. It is an indispensable partner in the creation of a high-quality and cost-efficient magazine, and it provides access to valuable tools for your practice. And this month is a good example, with the publication of our **Guide to Law Office & Trial Support Services**.

You saw our first venture into the creation of this kind of special advertising section in March, when our premier **Expert Witness Guide** came out. We hope that these Guides serve you well. Many thanks for the idea and its execution go to Communications Director **Matt Silverman** and **Drew Williamson**, our Advertising Sales Manager. If you have other ideas for helpful Guides, please contact Drew. He and the entire staff aim to help you succeed in your work.

As always, write to me at Tim.Eigo@staff.azbar.org. ▲

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