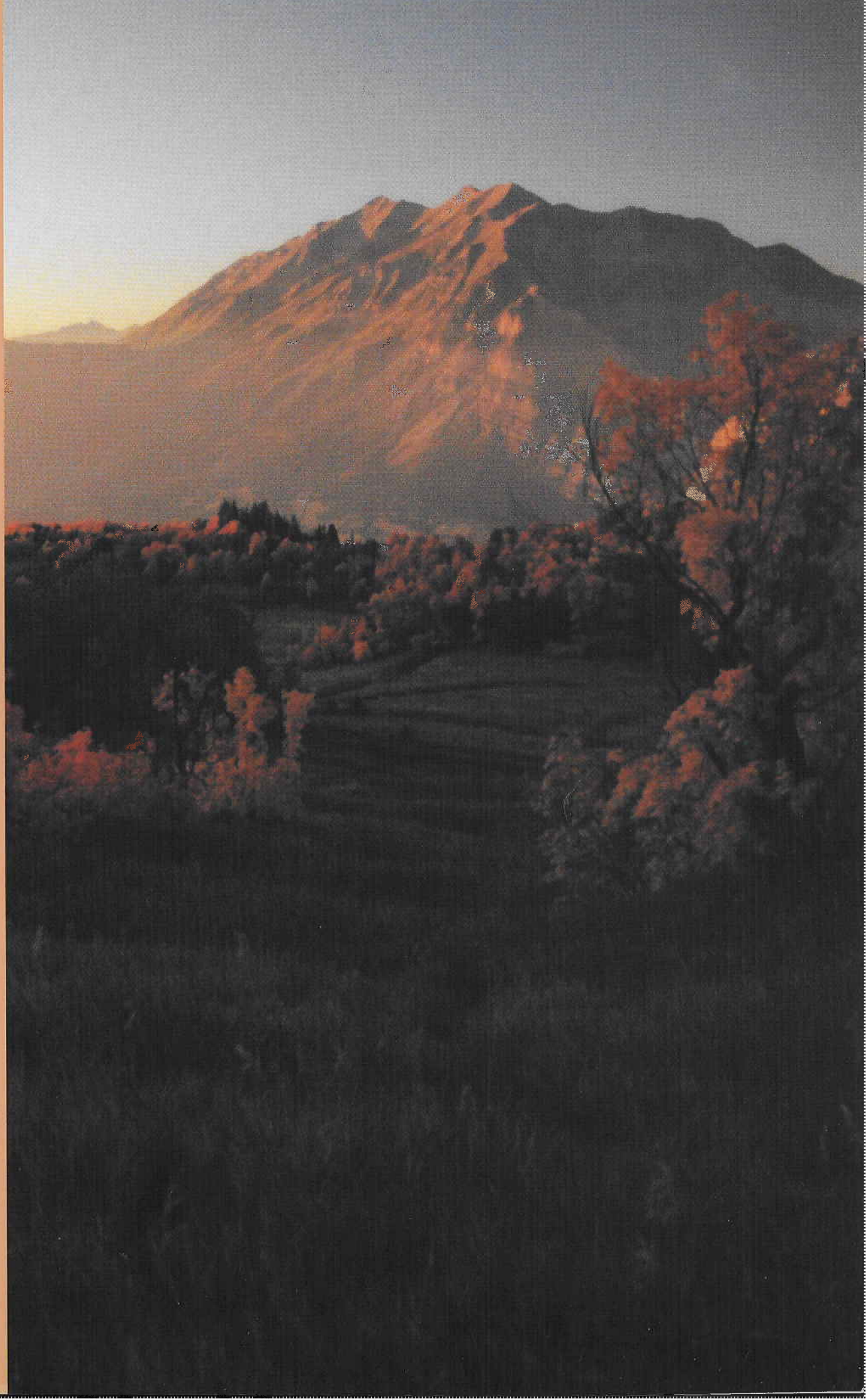


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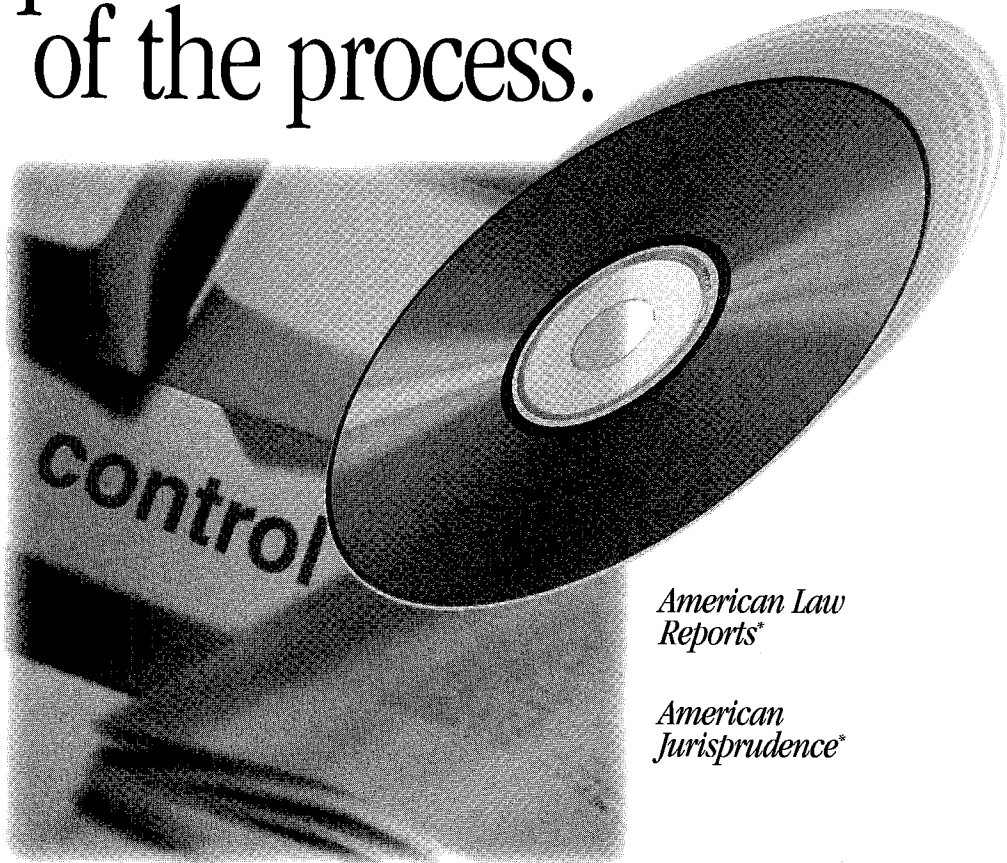


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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The issue of mandatory pro bono reporting has been of great interest to the members of the Bar, regardless of where they might stand on this issue. In an effort to keep the members of the Bar informed, I was wondering if you would be so kind as to publish (perhaps right below this letter) the names of the Bar Commissioners and how they voted on this issue? I've only been able to ascertain that it was an 8 to 4 vote, but I don't know who voted which way.

If the minutes of the meeting don't reflect individual votes, perhaps you could do us the service of contacting each Bar Commissioner and asking them how they voted, then publish the responses.

Your efforts to inform the members of the Bar are certainly appreciated.

Michael D. Wims

Ed. — As you requested!

Voting yes: John Florez, James C. Jenkins, Steven M. Kaufman, Randy S. Kester, Debra J. Moore, David O. Nuffer, Ray O. Westergard and Francis M. Wikstrom.

Voting no: Charles R. Brown, Scott Daniels, Denise Dragoo and D. Frank Wilkins. Abstain: Charlotte L. Miller.

Dear Editor:

For the past two years or so I have donated an average of fifteen hours per month court time, and twenty hours per month office time for pro-bono projects through the Bar Association and independently of the Bar. I have not reported my efforts. I find it objectionable and will consider ceasing my volunteer activities if reporting becomes mandatory. The volunteer work is the most satisfying legal work I do, but the mandatory reporting will tend to turn it into another hypocritical game.

In what way does the mandatory reporting requirement increase the likelihood that volunteer work will be done? It seems to me that the Bar is once again concerned with the appearance of good works rather than the actual doing of anything substantive. A similar observation can be made toward mandatory CLE.

If we as a group have a bad image it may be because we as a group are not interested in service to the needy, but in appearing to care about them. If it is service that is being promoted, then promote the concept of service rather than the reporting of service.

John R. Bucher

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Dear Editor:

I am a legal assistant/paralegal by profession and an active member of the Legal Assistant Division of the Bar. As such, I've been privileged to work with some of the best attorneys in the State, and some of the worst. There are many things I love about the legal profession and there are many things I don't, but for as long as I can remember I have wanted to be a part of the legal/political system; to be a part of social change for good and to support and nurture individual freedoms. That has changed dramatically over the last few years. I find it hard to believe that one person could make a difference or change anything. I now question whether we have all lost our sense of common decency and humanity and our passion for individual freedoms.

As I reviewed "The President's Message" in the August, 1998 issue of the *Bar Journal*, it reminded me of all of the things I wanted and still want to accomplish. The two experiences Mr. Jenkins shared touched my memory and brought to light brief glimpses of all that I once believed could be accomplished. We need more attorneys and paralegals like Mr. Jenkins, who focus on the basics. It is hard as a legal professional to retain the visions and dreams which elevate our actions and aspirations, but if more of us were to remember and join together, maybe, we could start to make a change. Maybe, however small a change, it will begin to grow and spread. It may just be the social change for good most of us dreamed of from the very beginning.

L. Denise Farnsworth

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