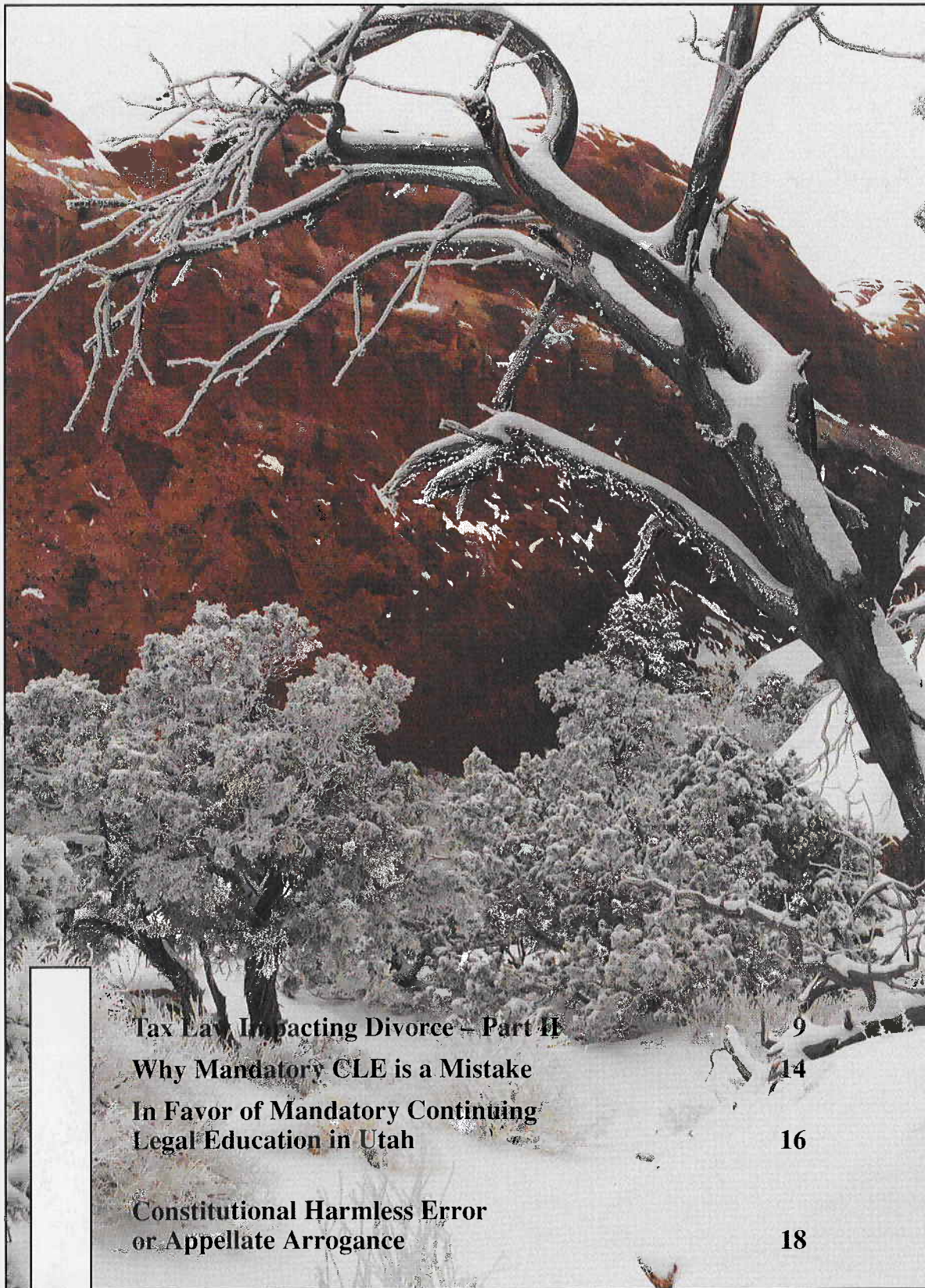


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LETTERS

Editor's Note by Victoria Kidman, Letters Editor

Whether or not you have noticed a section of the *Bar Journal* is set aside for Letters to the Editor. However, since inception of the "new" *Bar Journal*, very few letters have been received for publication and those that have been received have usually been too long for publication. In an effort to generate more letters, the *Bar Journal* has instituted a new format for the letters section.

The new format requests responses from members of the Bar on various topical issues. In conjunction with the new format, the Bar Commissioners have

approved a change in the 200 word limitation to 300 words per letter submitted. Letters can still be submitted on topics of general interest. The general letter submission guidelines appear below.

The *Bar Journal* welcomes any suggestions on issues for discussion in the "letters" section. The issue and question for which your views are sought at this time are as follows:

ISSUE:

Two articles appear in this issue of the *Bar Journal* relating to Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE). Nearly three-quarters of a select num-

ber of members of the Bar surveyed favor retaining Continuing Legal Education (CLE) as a mandatory condition for holding an active license. Some opponents to MCLE believe that the requirement should only be placed upon younger members of the Bar.

QUESTION:

Should CLE be required of all members of the Bar as a mandatory condition for holding an active license?

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1. Letters shall be typewritten, double spaced, signed by the author and shall not exceed 300 words in length.

2. No one person shall have more than one letter to the editor published every six months.

3. All letters submitted for publication shall be addressed to Editor, *Utah Bar Journal* and shall be delivered to the office of the Utah State Bar at least six weeks prior to publication.

4. Letters shall be published in the order in which they are received for each publication period, except that priority shall be given to the publication of letters

which reflect contrasting or opposing viewpoints on the same subject.

5. No letter shall be published which (a) contains defamatory or obscene material, (b) which violates the Code of Professional Conduct or (c) which otherwise may subject the Utah State Bar, the Board of Commissioners or any employee of the Utah State Bar to civil or criminal liability.

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herein, the acceptance for publication of letters to the editor shall be made without regard to the content of the letter or to the identity of the author. Letters accepted for publication shall not be edited or condensed by the Utah State Bar, other than as may be necessary to meet these guidelines.

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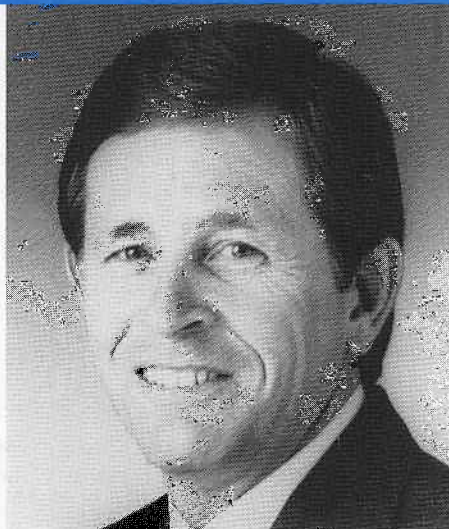
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Musings on Miscellaneous Matters

By Randy L. Dryer

CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN LAW INITIATIVE

The American Bar Association has established a project to support the process of law reform underway in Central and Eastern Europe and the new independent states of the former Soviet Union. Called "The Central and East European Law Initiative" (CEELI), the project makes available U.S. legal expertise and assistance to countries that are in the process of modifying or restructuring their laws or legal systems.

Utilizing a variety of formats, CEELI has initiated a number of different programs such as the following:

1. Technical Assistance Workshops.

Held in a requesting country, these workshops typically focus on a particular substantive area of the law and involve the participation of 4-6 experience lawyers or judges, usually including one from a civil law country. Workshops, which are usually one week in length, facilitate extended dialogue among participants, discussion of legal traditions of various countries, presentation of case studies, assistance in drafting, and systematic follow up.

2. Legal Assessments. Where the urgency of a request for assistance precludes a full planning workshop, CEELI has

offered immediate assistance either with a visit by a small delegation of legal experts or by circulating draft legislation within the United States for comments. CEELI has provided expert assistance on more than 100 draft laws, including the proposed constitutions of Albania, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Ukraine.

3. Resident Liaisons and Specialists.

CEELI proves lawyer liaisons who reside in the host country for a period of six months to one year. These liaisons work with the host country to identify legal reform priorities and coordinates CEELI's assistance.

4. Sister Law Schools.

Under this program, each law school in Central and Eastern Europe will be paired with at least three American law schools with which they will work on a continuing basis. To date, 126 U.S. and 41 Central and East European law schools have participated in the program. The University of Utah College of Law has a sister school relationship with the law school at the University of Split in Croatia. Dean Ante Caric recently visited Salt Lake for meetings with

By the time you read this article, most Utah trial judges will have completed a comprehensive survey sponsored by the Bar and administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts assessing the characteristics and attitudes of lawyers who regularly appear in Utah's state courts. The purpose of the survey is threefold: (1) to test the validity of many stereotyped perceptions about lawyers; (2) to determine if these perceptions have changed during the last five years; and (3) to provide the Bar with information useful for developing future CLE programs. I expect the results will debunk many myths about lawyers, such as all lawyers are abusive, patronizing, condescending and place too great an emphasis on winning at all costs. They survey also will assess whether the bench believes most lawyers are well prepared when appearing in court, are honest in their representations to the court and are courteous to each other and court personnel. Thanks to Judges David Young of the Third District, Michael Hutchings of the Third Circuit, Dean Lee Teitelbaum and Michael Phillips of the Court Administrator's Office for their assistance in developing the survey. The survey results will be made public and discussed in a future *Bar Journal* article.

