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I paid Bar dues in Michigan for 40 years. I never received one thing of value from the bar. The bar is particularly lame in the U.P., where instead of doing next to nothing for its members, it does nothing at all. Let's let the market decide. If enough lawyers believe they get value for their dues, they will join a voluntary bar. If not, then they won't. All we are doing in continuing a mandatory bar, which other states seem to survive fine without, is protecting bureaucratic turf.