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I concur in all the comments offered by State Bar President Brian Einhorn in his July column in the State Bar Journal.

In addition I also offer a few other points for the Court's consideration. The task force suggests that a "signal" should be sent to the bar's members that the association will no longer "promote the interests of the profession." Later in the report the task force suggests that the only thing a mandatory state bar would not promote are the "economic" interests of the profession.

If the only other interests of the profession were purely economic, we wouldn't need to have this conversation. There are a multitude of things that we lawyers are professionally concerned about and economics is only one of them.

Finally, as a 46 year member of the bar I learned 45 years ago that the bar association does not, indeed, will not, promote the interests of the profession while it remains under the control of those who are not remotely interested in "promoting the profession." The Supreme Court doesn't need to promote the the interests of the profession as long as it exclusively controls the profession's association. It's interests are per se the association's interests. But for those just learning this lesson, a "signal" won't do trick. The Court should shout it out and remove everyone's doubts.

Respectfully,
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