

## Just My Opinion

### To the Editor:

In the May 2007 Opinion and Dissent section, there were only three letters to the editor. While that alone surprises me, I was equally surprised that, from a genre standpoint, they were *sui generis*. For those of you in Rio Linda, that means it appears they were all from the headquarters of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association. All three were from personal injury attorneys from the Southfield area. If they are the most active group in our fair state, then so be it. However, printed at the bottom of the Opinion and Dissent section is the obligatory disclaimer language, indicating that the publication of letters does not in any way approve or support the views that may be expressed.

Unless every other faction and segment of our multifaceted Bar has nothing to say and simply skips this part of our trade horn, then I suspect that either our *Journal*

has started a sad but predictable tilt onto that slippery slope that leans only left, or we have ceded the playing field to those who have the organized voice to make the wheel squeak loudest (and if that's not a mixed metaphor, then I've never heard one). There is, of course, always the possibility that those who support a particular ideol-

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ogy are simply living in fear of castigation or lack the intestinal fortitude to stand up to the inevitable criticism or worse from colleagues of a different bent. But hey, that's just my opinion. I could be wrong.

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## Keep the Focus on Law

### To the Editor:

I have been practicing law in Escanaba for 25 years. This letter is to those who produce the *Michigan Bar Journal*. I love law. It drives me. I read it when I work, when I rest, in my walleye boat, and in my deer blind. My *Bar Journal* is now open on my breakfast table. To all those who toil to produce the *Bar Journal*, thanks. Please keep the focus on law, and how we can understand it to help our clients.

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