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RE: Mandatory insurance

Your Honors:

I am writing to oppose the idea of mandatory malpractice insurance. I try to take a number of reduced fee cases. There are so many people who could not afford my full fee. The result is that I tend to operate my office "on a shoe string." If I was forced to buy insurance, that might well force me to decline cases that I might otherwise take at a reduced rate.

My feeling is that requiring attorneys to purchase insurance will reduce the availability of legal services to the less fortunate.

Sincerely,

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