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I am a retired Superior Court Judge. I only give legal advice or perform limited work for family members and a few close friends. I have only done this a handful of times since retiring five years ago. I have no office.

I have paid my approximately \$500 per year dues for those five years. If you impose mandatory insurance, I will no longer pay the \$500 to the WSBA and will have to discontinue the license.

I would then discontinue my involvement in my local Bar Association, stop paying those dues as well, and discontinue other lawyer related activities and events.

I would stop paying for and attending CLE seminars including those for retired judges.

Within the past five years, I continued to serve for a time as a retired judge on a Supreme Court committee to approve attorneys to handle death penalty cases.
This type of service by retired judges would halt if the mandatory insurance was in place.

I request that you should recognize these types of exceptions to the mandatory insurance rule to keep our retirees involved in the improvement of our justice systems while retaining the ability to practice in a limited fashion.

Thank you,
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