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JUSTICE STARTS AT HOME

I find it curious that President Kanefield ("President's Message," Nov. 2011) refers to lawyers' moral and ethical obligation to use our status to achieve justice that is equal and available to all when the State Bar Board of Governors has withdrawn their request to update our ethical

rules to do just that, because a small group of lawyers claims their religious beliefs give them a right to discriminate against others.

A petition to amend ER 8.4, Rule 32, was submitted in June of 2010 to provide in the enforceable Rule what is already in the Comment—that lawyers should not discriminate against their clients who have historically faced discrimination because it is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Comments were filed late by a group claiming the right to discriminate, and the Bar first asked the Supreme Court to extend the comment time so those comments could be included and now has withdrawn the petition to amend the rule.

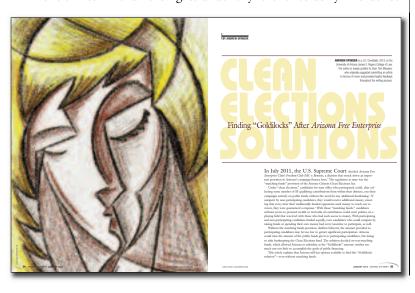
Shame on the Bar. Practice what you preach.

—Dianne Post



ELECTORAL BURDENS DECRIED

Contrary to Mr. Spencer's article ("Clean Elections Solutions: Finding 'Goldilocks' After Arizona Free Enterprise," Jan. 2012), Arizona's system is not dead merely because campaign expenditures triggered the distribution of government money to candidates competing with citizen-financed candidates. Arizona's system is dead because it burdened the freedom to make campaign expenditures and contributions primarily to equalize electoral opportunities. Arizona Free Enterprise's core holding is that the government can never justify burdening anyone's First Amendment rights under any level of scrutiny in order to



"level the playing field" among electoral candidates. This holding, not to mention the doctrine of *res judicata*, stands firmly and implacably against reviving Arizona's matching funds system.

—Nick Dranias Goldwater Institute Constitutional Policy Director

Note: Nick Dranias led the Goldwater Institute's successful challenge to Arizona's clean elections law before the U.S. Supreme Court.



OUTRAGE WAXES, WANES

Rodger Golston's recent letter to the editor decried the inclusion of Marianne Jennings' "Twelve Angry Men" column in ARIZONA ATTORNEY (Nov. 2011). According to Golston ("Soundoff," Jan. 2012), who notes that he checks the magazine thoroughly, he has never seen such a political piece included in the magazine, and is "very disappointed" as a result.

May I ask, where was Mr. Golston when Roxanne Bacon's liberal, pro-Obama, pro-illegal-immigrant columns appeared month after month in ARIZONA ATTORNEY? Golston's indignation apparently is triggered only by the inclusion of conservative national political views in the magazine.

—Terry Jennings Mesa, Ariz.



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