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**RE: “Way Out Yonder”**

I just finished reading Lindsay Stafford Mader’s article [July 2015, p. 524] and enjoyed it immensely. Before taking the bench in January 2007, I practiced in Marshall (population approximately 25,000) for 36 years and seldom regretted having done so. There are few attorneys in East Texas who engage in the Rambo tactics that seem to prevail in the metropolitan areas. Why? Because you often deal with the same lawyers repeatedly. If you act like a horse’s behind with an attorney this week, he or she may be holding more cards next week and decide to reciprocate.

Through the years, I represented clients whose children and grandchildren later came to me for advice and counsel; I consider that knowing these clients and trying to help them to ameliorate the problems that they encountered was extraordinarily rewarding.

With many people, their aim in going to law school is the perception that a law degree is the “open sesame” code for big bucks, and there are those who equate the number of dollars in the bank as their measure of success. On the other hand, there are those who believe that the paramount benefit of practicing law is an opportunity to help people and earn a decent living while enjoying a pleasant lifestyle.

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**RE: “A Proud Legacy”**

Kudos to Lamar White Jr. on his article [July 2015, p. 532]. It is a moving and compelling piece. As a tribute to Lamar and the late Ralph Ellison—you are no longer invisible. I see a little of myself in his article: journalism, privilege, and his connection with President George H.W. Bush. Both of his sons attended Phillips Academy in Andover, not too far from where I graduated high school. I have received letters from

George and Jeb. Lamar’s article should be re-read by all members of the State Bar of Texas and passed on to others.

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**RE: “Executive Decision”**

James E. Brill put forth a timely question—what will you do with your license?—and reflects on various answers in his article [July 2015, p. 584]. Omitted, however, is house counsel. I’ll give you one example from my 30 or so years in that capacity of why, when the focus is on service, in-house work deserves equal billing. A couple of us from Texaco’s legal department met with U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission litigators in the mid-’70s to settle their suit against the company. After they’d gotten to know us, one of them honored us with this question, “How can good guys like you work for an oil company?” Rather than challenge the false predicate of her question, I responded with something she could understand. “As an enforcer, you can accomplish whatever you can force defendants to do; as participants in the decision-making process, we can accomplish much more—in an afternoon, at no cost to anyone—simply by laying out the pros and cons of the various paths to accomplishing whatever business objective management has decided to pursue. You don’t have to believe that executives are good people to understand this; you only need to believe that they are smart people.” Nothing equals the communication possibilities that arise when a lawyer and his client are drinking coffee out of the same pot five mornings a week and finding their cars in the same lot at the end of each day. That, as the guy on the radio used to say, is the rest of the story.

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**ON TWITTER**

**RE: “THE MAN IN THE ARENA,” JUNE 2015, P. 484**



Great piece on C. Barrett Thomas ‘08, incoming president of @TxYoungLawyers, in this month’s Texas Bar Journal.

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**RE: “HIPAA AND MEDICAL RECORDS PRIVACY,” JULY 2015, P. 540**

Every attorney should take time to learn about HIPAA. Here is a survival guide. #sbot #texasbarjournal

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**RE: “MINDFULNESS MEDITATION,” JUNE 2015, P. 454**



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Shana Stein (@OperationYoga)