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Dear Colleagues and Fellow Members:

The payment of dues is lagging behind where we were at this time last year. Checks are still trickling in which means that the lag is probably due to procrastination, not lack of interest. If you have not sent your dues in, your prompt remittance could prevent an exacerbation of Amber Drew's chronic apoplexy.

Judge Mike McCuskey enjoyed and appreciated the elbow bending and glass raising last Friday evening. For those of you who had to leave early, you missed the best part of the get together. The stories certainly got better as the bottles and glasses emptied.

Please keep Saturday, August 23rd - afternoon and evening - open for the annual over/under 45 year old softball game and obligatory kegger. Specific details will follow. In all likelihood, we will be holding a Fall picnic on September 20th or, if we are required to go to plan B, on September 14th. The situation is fluid and details will follow on this event also.

In a more certain vein, our monthly CLE luncheon will be held on July 24th. You know the drill; 11:30 lunch, program at noon, Regency Ballroom, 1 hour CLE credit for the ridiculously low price of \$15.00 per person. Miranda Soucie will speak on "Personal Injury Litigation Update." Please make reservations with Alyx Parker a week before. As always, thank you Alyx.

For those of you on the bus trip to Peoria, ignore this paragraph. For those of you who were not, you should have been. Andy Hatch did a great job. The bus was on time. The weather the was great. The game was fun and the fireworks were worth the trip. I still can't figure out how they get the entire show into that minuscule firing machine. Oh well! By the way, in addition to the great job Andy did in putting it altogether, he refuses to get reimbursed for the drinks and snacks he purchased. There has to be some class he flunked in Law School.

We are in the embryonic stages of re-constituting the CCBA Bench/Bar Committee. This seems reasonable in light of the fact that this Committee is mandated by our organizations bylaws. I assert illiteracy as an affirmative defense. Any member who does, or does not, wear a robe to work who is interested in serving on this Committee should let me know.

Our sympathies go out to Chief Justice Garman on the loss of Gill. Both Justice Garman and Gill were regulars on the CCBA front and most of us knew Gill. He was a fine gentleman and a friend who will be missed by everyone.

John Gadau