

SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR  
ON LAWYER-BASHING IN THE ELECTION  
FOR BAR LEADERS

Elections are the premier showcase of our nation's democratic process. Except when they are marred by unnecessary, distracting and divisive scapegoating, which is precisely what is happening this year. Hardly a week passes without some candidate or activist group blaming lawyers for our nation's ills.

These charges could hardly be further from the truth. The legal profession is not a burden dragging our society down, but rather a force carrying us to new heights. Lawyers, judges and the courts safeguard the rights of Americans to take their grievances to court—no matter how powerful their adversaries—and get a fair hearing. This is one of the fundamental protections of individuals in our society.

As our nation confronts the challenges before it, politicians need to refrain from name-calling and finger pointing or the use of convenient scapegoats to scare the public.