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... “As I write this, I am preparing to speak at a meeting sponsored by the American Bar Association's Death Penalty Representation Project. My role is to say aloud what our magazine has been writing for years: that great law firms and lawyers take on important pro bono projects. This isn't the place to discuss the merits of the death penalty. But surely there can be little or no responsible debate over whether condemned inmates deserve adequate counsel as they appeal their convictions. It's ghastly that it falls to the private bar to fill some of that shameful gap, but that seems to be the unchanging reality of the death penalty system. I urge you to take on one of these matters. If we believe in the rule of law, then it must extend even to death row. Robin Maher at the ABA, (202) 662-1734, will find appropriate cases for volunteers”...