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**Raise the Bar: Real World Solutions  
for a Troubled Profession**

Edited by Lawrence J. Fox

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CHICAGO, Oct. 17, 2007 – The legal profession faces a daunting challenge—how to maintain lawyers’ satisfaction in the workplace. Some lawyers are leaving the profession to seek a more satisfying balance between work and home. Others remain but are unhappy with their careers and their lives, according to a new book published by the American Bar Association. What is causing this exodus from the legal profession and what can be done about it?

Members of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation tackled this perplexing issue in their “Raise the Bar” project, where they interviewed lawyers and other trade professionals of every age, race, and gender. The culmination of their findings is published in [\*Raise the Bar: Real World Solutions for a Troubled Profession\*](#), which also offers practical, “real world” solutions for increasing lawyers’ satisfaction with their careers. Some of these suggestions include mentoring in law firms; eliminating billable hour requirements; increasing *pro bono* and trial opportunities; and breaking up a career with a few years in government, a nonprofit institution or even a different legal specialty.

Contributors--including best-selling author and lawyer Scott Turow and renowned litigator Michael Tigar--explore the gap between aspiration and reality and share the experiences that have led them to this urgent call to reinvent the practice (and business) of law. Written with insight and candor, *Raise the Bar* shines much-needed light on the modern law practice.

The compilation is edited by Lawrence J. Fox, a partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath in Philadelphia where he focuses his practice on corporate and securities litigation, as well as advising corporations and private law partnerships on ethics issues and disputes. He is an author of several books, a frequent lecturer on ethics and litigation issues, and was instrumental in the creation of the ABA Commission on the Evaluation of the Rules of Professional Conduct (Ethics 2000), on which he also served.

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