

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members of the Bar:

Hard to believe this year has almost come to a close.

In the first newsletter I mentioned how this year might be our most challenging yet. I had no idea just how true those words would become.

First, I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your president, a highlight of my career. I am deeply, humbly grateful for all your support, which has meant more to me and my family than you may ever know.

On the heels of recent events, I am in a quandary as I write this. I have opinions, feelings... and frankly, I am exhausted.

On the eve of what may very well be the greatest legal challenge I have witnessed in a 30-year career, I am passing the bar on to you. It's not about one case or one person. It's much bigger than that.

There are monumental issues at stake. Separation of powers. The independence of our judiciary. Basic principles that go to the very heart of our state constitution. Indeed, fundamental ideas upon which the United States was built.

Thank you for taking up the bar - the baton - the ball - and running with it.

God bless and Godspeed,

Sincerely,

Mark O. Andrews

