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President Keefe's Task Force hit home for me because of my personal experience with two close friends who were attorneys who became quite ill and, ultimately, passed away at a too young of an age. I saw the potential devastating effects that a sudden unexpected illness can have on the individual attorney, his or her family and friends and their practice. Thankfully, in both cases their firms were able to support them personally and professionally. However, it made me think what would happen to an attorney without such a built-in support system.

The Task Force is an excellent step in formally addressing the issues attorneys are facing every day and to lessen the impact on the individual attorney, to his or her practice and the legal community at large.