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PERSPECTIVE

THE GREAT SPEECH

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You have given me, among several others, the opportunity to have ten minutes to speak to the American Bar Association. I should thank you for the opportunity, but, if you ignore what I have to say, I will have wasted my time and funds in coming here. However, even should you ignore what I have to say, which is what I expect, I do not plan to request another opportunity to speak to you. I am hereby, as an American citizen, saying “Farewell” to the American Bar Association.

You might think that this means I am about to move to another country or go into retirement, but this is not the case. I am saying farewell to an organization I believe will someday become as extinct as the dinosaur. I say this out of the belief that every serious reform attempt your group has made has been only, at best, cosmetic. You were given the opportunity several years ago to repair damage to society through the personal-injury system, and you came up with “tort reform” that included various features, all of which increased your bureaucratic control of injury victims and insurance companies, and vastly increased your profits. Criminal-law system reforms have only seen simple procedures become more simplified, which has injected hordes of criminals back into society before the ink on their arrest warrants has even dried. It is for this reason that I am saying good-bye to you. You are the next dinosaur.

I believe that the day is coming when your monopoly on law in

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America will be broken. Instead of coming to a lawyer to draw a will, we will just walk up to a renovated Register of Wills office, ask for the proper form, fill it out in front of a video camera, pay the fee, and file it in the office, along with the videotape that will prove competency as a matter of fact. No more will you and your word processors be able to charge people vast amounts to complicate and delay the transfers of their estates upon their deaths. No more will you be able to profit by encouraging litigation to contest validly drawn wills. Titles to real and personal property will go directly to heirs upon proof of death. In short, the parasitic role lawyers have carved for themselves over the centuries, in which they prey upon decedents' estates, will be over.

Those of you who have made a living by seeing that criminals are treated better in America than are law-abiding citizens, should also start looking for new work. For example, in return for creating a lengthy and expensive ordeal for society to convict criminals, you will face unemployment. We will one day reconstruct the criminal-justice system from top to bottom. A call to the police will result in their arrival in a squad car and the arrival of an evidence van from a separate branch of the police. The complaint and resulting arrests will be videotaped, as will all witness interviews. The criminals will be interrogated by the finest law-enforcement officials in the land, and the videotapes of the interrogations will be shown to a jury in the presence of the defendant within three weeks of every crime. Should there be questions, live testimony will be taken from the proper witnesses; but never again will you lawyers be allowed to meet in private with witnesses and do as you have done for centuries: arrange for people to lie under oath without the slightest twinge of conscience. Lawyers euphemistically call it "sandpapering witnesses," but it is suborning perjury nevertheless.

Some of you have friends called psychologists and psychiatrists. You have made them rich by paying them to testify that a defendant was not responsible for his actions because he suffered from mental deficiencies. We will someday drive these soothsayers out of business as well. Never again will criminal acts be judged by the likes of these twentieth-century sophists. They have made millions by lying about your clients, and they have unleashed a vast wave of irresponsibility on the land, with your help. So you might want to start looking for another occupation because one of these days you and your friends are both going to need to get into honest lines of work.

There will be courtrooms, but truth will prevail. Anyone who com-

mits perjury or suborns perjury will incur the ancient penalty. If they lie in a murder case, they get the same penalty as the murderer. If they set up an innocent man, they get the same penalty for their perjury and deceit that the innocent man would have received if wrongfully convicted of the false charge. I can see you really squirming out there because many of you have committed horrendous crimes against your innocent countrymen. You are probably tallying up how many life sentences you would have earned under such a system.

There will be law schools as well, but justice will be taught. Instead of turning young leaders into deceitful, gold-digging types, which law schools have done in the past, law schools will transform students into individuals who serve only the needs of justice. New lawyers will be selected only from men who have already proven, before entering law school or judge's school, that they are men with a passion for justice. There is hardly a man on the bench today who will be acceptable to those who someday pick the new type of judge and lawyer.

When it comes to lawsuits over torts, divorces, contracts, or property rights, almost all disputes will be subject to rapid determination in courts of conciliation. Arbitration will be the key manner of disposing of most litigation. It will be rapid, just, and inexpensive. No rewards will be given to the chronic litigators. Instead, these chronic litigators will have to pay more to enter the system after a series of clear losses indicates that they are social cranks rather than genuinely aggrieved citizens.

I have read in the past few months that litigation has become almost the largest industry in the United States. In short, we are totally wrapped up in suing each other and committing crimes against one another. Because of the system you have devised in drafting, enacting, enforcing, and interpreting laws, you have made yourselves a monopoly that benefits mightily from all this social and economic turmoil. You are the core of the problem! You are enablers and allies of an increasingly hostile and criminal governmental system; and when the people have had enough of you, you will be swept away and will disappear like the dinosaur!

You fill your pockets with blood money as you send to "debtor's prison" those hard-pressed middle-income men and women, veterans, and solid citizens of all walks of life. These are Americans who must now support two families on a diminishing income. When these down-trodden individuals are led away, shackled and beaten, you smile in your wickedness and deceit as you proclaim: "The judge did

it!" Yet, by your tacit approval of this criminal *JUST US* system, you have become the defilers of wisdom, destroyers of spirit, and fornicators of truth. Surely, you will be swept away and disappear like the dinosaur!

We honest, taxpaying citizens demand that the adversary relationship in family law—divorce court—be changed to a mediation-mandatory conclusion. Otherwise, your children and heirs will end up spitting on your graves for the living hell you will have left them. Yes, you will be swept away and disappear like the dinosaur!

My ten minutes are up. You surely have more time than that to plunder America and Americans. But mark my words well, because time is running short. You will need every available moment to find cover in order to survive what is coming upon this land!