

WCBA Monthly Board Message
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December always seems like a time to review the past year and dream of the next. And what a year it's been. 2020 has been full of surprises and paradoxes to say the least. The lane closure picture seems to sum it well. I find it difficult to write about finding bright spots of hope knowing that so many people have had their world turned upside down. Many have lost their jobs or reduced hours and paychecks. People have been facing the threat of or actually have lost their homes. People have lost their loved ones, suffering through limited visitations at hospitals or curtailed funerals. When I'm feeling so somber I try and remember stories from my mom or dad about living through the Great Depression- for you younger kids, you may have heard similar stories from your grandparents. They made it through, and so will we.

As attorneys, we have people seeking us out in their times of peril. And while they may snicker at a lawyer joke (who hasn't), I believe the public is very thankful for our services when they need it. This really is a moment for us to shine as a profession, helping people in a weird time though a process they probably don't fully understand. I'm hoping you've been able to make people feel more secure.

As for the upcoming year I'm hopeful that we get to see each other in person without spacing considerations and masks. I hope you are well and safe reading this and have a wonderful upcoming holiday.

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