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I am writing to express my strong opposition to doubling the case evaluation fees. Evaluators do work hard, but are paid sufficiently for the service provided. In these hard economic times it will be difficult, if not impossible to ask our clients to pay this additional money and we will end up eating this additional costs. I urge you not to do it.

While we are on the subject of case evaluation fees, I have tried unsuccessfully to get our 3 circuit courts (Wayne, Macomb and Oakland) to charge reasonable fees in construction lien cases. Often times there is one large lawsuit against the general contractor and /or Owner and the rest are unpaid suppliers and subs who have equal priorities and claims. Yet the Courts are requiring each sub and supplier, although their positions are identical, to pay a separate fee. This is no small matter. I have been involved in cases where the lien claimants are 40 or 50 or even a 100. That's a lot of case evaluation fees and amounts to legalized robbery when the award is the same for all lien claimants.

If you are going to change the rule correct this abuse, please.

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