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## WHERE WE HAVE BEEN; WHERE WE ARE GOING

This issue of the Litigation Economics Digest (LED) marks the completion of three years of operation. The original goal of the LED was to provide an additional venue for useful articles and information to the subscribers and members of the National Association of Forensic Economics (NAFE). We had hoped for a significant number of quality articles in the areas of commercial damages, environmental damages, antitrust economics, intellectual property issues, use of the Internet, and case studies of interest to our readers. We wanted the LED to be similar to the JFE, yet different in scope and coverage of ideas.

After three years we must conclude we have been only partially successful in this venture. To a large extent the editors of an academic journal are captives of the articles submitted for publication. As a result, somewhat less than half of the published articles over the past three years have been on issues that normally would appear in the JFE. The flip side of this coin is that slightly more than half of our published articles have been non-traditional JFE type articles. So to some extent we have achieved our goal of providing an outlet for ideas that did not traditionally appear in the JFE.

Our goal of publishing case studies has had only limited success. Perhaps this is because our readers may be unclear as to what constitutes a case study. One of our associate editors wrote up an outline for a case study, which appears below.

To be accepted for publication, a case study should meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Make an economic or legal point that would be of special interest to readers;
2. Demonstrate an unusual or creative solution to a difficult analytic problem, particularly in the area of computing or proving damages; or,
3. Use economic or financial theory to prove (or disprove) negligence in a civil suit or criminal trial.

The case for which the study is being submitted should have special features or interest, but not be so unusual that it would never be encountered again by a forensic economist.

Case studies that are accepted for publication need to meet the same standards for publication as other papers published in the LED. These studies will be sent out for peer review, just as any other article would be handled. Substitution of fictitious names in the case study will be allowed when appropriate. Where a case has already been decided the actual case name should be used. General reference sources used in the case must be cited according to journal standards, but case specific information may be altered to prevent identification where appropriate. In such circumstances, which must be noted in the case study, the editor or a designee, may request to confidentially examine the actual case data to insure that the case characteristics are being correctly presented. The editor or designee will sign a promise of confidentiality and all materials provided to the editor will be returned after examination.

A case study should be formatted as follows:

*Case Study: Name (or Dummy Name) of Case*

*Date Submitted:*

*Brief Explanation of Special Points or Special Features of the Case*

*Background of the Case:*

*Case Analysis:*

*Conclusion(s); May suggest needs for research or other general points that could not be made without the reader having the benefit of the Background and Case Analysis provided in the case study.*

A cover sheet should be attached with the name of the author and the case name, but no other information. The submission fee will be the usual \$25 charge by the LED.

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