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Dear Ms. Reilly,

I received your thoughtful letter dated August 7<sup>th</sup> and I am sorry you were offended by the August 6th cover story.

This was an interview with an author (and lawyer) who has written a book with a very definite point of view and thus one person's opinion. We hoped it was clear from the cover that the article refers directly to that one expert's opinion. Because it is an interview format, balance is harder to achieve because one relies on the interviewee to provide it. You may find this a distinction without a difference but it is not unlike the difference between a columnist who will take a position and a regular article that requires balance.

The author has raised issues that are serious and are worthy of discussion. Many of these same issues got a fair bit of treatment at the recent CBA Annual Meeting. We realize that like you, many people have other points of view on this, some of them very different from Mr. Slayton and passionately held so we gave double the space the following issue for in our Letters section for dissenting points of view. Our Letter from the Editor was also much longer than usual, again in response to reader feedback, both good and bad, to the interview.

Thanks for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Julie Osborne

Associate Publisher