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7.) Gather up all documents that may be relevant to the lawsuit and give them to your attorney. If the documents are voluminous, then talk to your attorney first. Do not destroy any documents—even if you have a standard policy of doing so at regular intervals. Destroying documents can turn a defensible case into a loser. Do not alter or destroy any documents.

8.) Make a list of people who might know something relevant to the case, and give the list to your attorney. Include on the list both employees and non-employees. If the lawsuit is a significant one, do not make any personnel changes without discussing them with your attorney. Former employees make great witnesses—against you!

9.) Prepare a narrative statement of relevant facts for your attorney. Be sure to address it to your attorney so that it is clear that it is an attorney-client communication and, therefore, protected from disclosure.

10.) Let your attorney handle the case. Let him do his job—just as you let any other contractor or supplier do his work. Cooperate with your attorney, ask for copies of all papers that he sends or receives, and get regular updates about the case, but otherwise, let your attorney handle the case while you run your business.

There may be other things that need to be done when you are served with a lawsuit, and there may be other things that you would like to do, but should not do. Each case is different. However, if you follow these steps and have a good attorney, you will be properly handling the lawsuit.

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Land Rights Letter Reprints Berliner Op-ed

GLOVERSVILLE, New York — "Environmentalists: The new life-haters," by Michael Berliner, executive director of ARI, was published in the February issue of *Land Rights Letter*, a property rights newsletter. Berliner's essay was also highlighted on the front page by the following caption: "Dr. Michael Berliner, of Ayn Rand Institute, on environmentalists..."

Some other items in the newsletter were: an article by U.S. Representative Helen Chenoweth; a "Washington Roundup" article about Senate Bill S. 605, the Omnibus Private Property Rights Act; a legal column entitled "Doctrine of Impossibility"and an essay entitled "The Indians' Tragic Mistake," which states that: "The danger we face is that the socialists who infest almost all areas of government are busy embracing—and promulgating—the very error that was the Indians' undoing." *Land Rights Letter* can be contacted at E-mail: landrights@aol.com or write to P.O. Box 1111, Gloversville, NY 12078.

(Our thanks to AOB member Margaret Resh Tinkler for sending us a copy of the newsletter.)

Montrezza Working With *AOB News*

MARINA DEL REY, California — Donna Montrezza, of the Ayn Rand Institute (and a professional proofreader), has been providing proofreading services to *AOB News* for the past few issues. Many readers have commented on the improvements they have seen with each issue. Editor Ken West says, "Donna is helping to make *AOB News* into a truly professional publication. Each time she faxes proofed pages back to me, I learn something new about the printed word." Montrezza worked on research and proofreading of the recent book, *The Letters of Ayn Rand*, edited by Michael S. Berliner. *(Montrezza's ad appears on page 9.)*

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Honk If You Love Jesus and Foreign Aid

by Richard M. Salsman

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), created in the early 1940s by Keynesians and statists, takes wealth from developed, industrial (neo-capitalist) economies and transfers it to poor (socialist-interventionist) economies. The claim is that such "foreign aid" will boost worldwide consumption and production, and thus fight poverty. Hundreds of billions of dollars have been transferred in the past five decades. According to *The New York Times* ("IMF Head: He Speaks, and Money Talks," April 2, 1996), the IMF currently seeks a doubling of what U.S. taxpayers are forced to give it already, from $40 billion to $80 billion. Why the increase? The IMF is short of funds, having recently sent $10 billion to Russia, and earlier in the year, another $18 billion to Mexico. Both countries have been intensifying their statist regimes and creating financial meltdowns. The IMF practices altruism on a truly international scale.

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Who better to head the IMF than an avowed altruist? The *Times* describes Michael Camdessus, head of the IMF for the past nine years, as "a Catholic and former Socialist who weaves his Christianity into his philosophy of management." You bet. Resisting efforts on the part of industrialized countries to restrain IMF aid policies and institute more market-oriented lending policies, Camdessus barks: "My duty is not to look at what the industrial countries think. My duty is to give a judgment on what is in the global need." And so it is, with Jesus at his side. Industrialized countries, with leaders who claim their system is based on the Judeo-Christian ethic, fall silent. Clintonites will propose some "compromise" amount—between $40 and $80 billion.

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New Assault On Individual Rights in Multimedia Industry

CHANDLER, Arizona — AOB member Keith Weiner writes: "An interesting new assault on individual rights has come up in the multimedia industry. So-called 'Moral Rights' is an old idea in Europe, which the domestic statists are now advocating. Every lawyer I have read, who has written on the issue, has failed to even identify the essence of the matter.

"Moral Rights is the doctrine that there are some rights to a work which are part of an artist's basic being, and thus cannot be sold. These include the right to reject any changes made to his work, etc.

"It would take any Objectivist about 30 seconds to see that the net effect of this is the loss of an artist's rights: he no longer has the right to completely sell his work, and thus the buyer may not want to purchase from him. This is as deadly to the artist as minimum wage is to the worker."

Eighty Entrepreneurs Seek Seats In The U.S. Congress

WASHINGTON — "The Rebellion of '96" is what *Success* magazine is calling an extraordinary influx of entrepreneurs now running for Congress—eighty entrepreneurs in total! The article by Colum Lynch in the April issue of *Success*, credits Steve Forbes, publisher of *Forbes* magazine. "His campaign cry—'kill' the tax code and replace it with a single-payment system—resonated with entrepreneurs," writes Lynch.

"Craig Veith, communications director for the National Republican Congressional Committee," according to the *Success* article, "sees the current stable of entrepreneurial candidates as key to a veto-proof Republican Congress. 'This is the second wave of folks who are just sick and tired of a government that spends too much and wastes money,' he says. 'These are people who are adversely affected by onerous government regulations.'"

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