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They're at it Again ...

Lawsuit Says Convicts Should Be Paid for Community Service

A [recent class action lawsuit](#) in New York demands individuals sentenced to community service be paid for the hours they work.

Whoa! If every individual sentenced to community service

1. Zap! Pow! Presenting a Dynamic Duo of June Practice Management Days

Be a superhero when it comes to assessing and resolving risk issues that you may confront in your practice.

Sign up today for a live Practice Management Day either on [June 17 in Collinsville](#) or [June 26 in Skokie](#).

This day-long program, designed for policyholders and office staff, will feature sessions including

- Establishing a Quality Improvement Program.
- Protecting Privacy and Security in Your Practice.
- The Do's and Don'ts of E-Communications and Social Media.
- Practice Requests: A How-to Guide.

CME offered; there is no cost for ISMIE policyholders and staff. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

were paid minimum wage, it could be a cash cow for the lawyers involved, as even a small percentage of a huge settlement would put millions in their pockets.

Not to mention, community service is a *punishment*, not a job.

All too often these lawsuits clog the courts, put taxpayers on the hook and are designed only to amass a windfall for those who file them.

[See all of ISMIE's upcoming learning opportunities](#). Questions? Contact ISMIE's Risk Management Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3300 or [by email](#).

2. Custom Coverage Available for Volunteering Docs

For many in the medical community, volunteering is not just a choice — it's a responsibility.

As a physician with an active ISMIE policy, you're already insured if you want to provide care without remuneration in a designated free medical clinic.

However, you may want to tell a colleague that ISMIE offers Free Medical Clinic Coverage as a stand-alone policy for a nominal annual premium that includes free tail (reporting endorsement) coverage when the policy is canceled.

Learn more about [this and other ISMIE custom coverage](#) options today.

Questions? Contact the Underwriting Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3350 or [by email](#). If you utilize an insurance broker, you may also wish to contact him or her.

3. Glaring Lack of Options in 2014 Judicial Elections

The ballot for November's state

judicial elections is set, and there will be little choice for voters when it comes to selecting Illinois' judges.

Only 11 of 30 downstate judicial races feature more than one candidate this year, and in Cook County, 25 out of 26 judges are running unopposed.

How does this happen? Well, for starters the March primary election had the lowest turnout of any Illinois primary in the past 50 years. What to do? Make a point to get involved earlier, prior to the *next* primary election.

It's important to choose the most qualified person for the job, as judicial elections can have long-term impact: Many of the judges running unopposed will be on the bench for another *10 years*.

[Learn more about the judicial elections and the candidates.](#)

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