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## Disorganized things

I sat and stared at the computer screen last night until after midnight without writing one word. I got an e-mail from Tom Durkin at 11:45 p.m. and answered it within 30 seconds. We both work too much — but other than trying to impress Durkin while we had a friendly argument back and forth through serial e-mails for 15 minutes, I accomplished nothing.

I was suffering from writer's block almost as badly as I did those first two weeks as I tried to write my very first column. You may recall my daughter bailed me out of that one (available along with others and radio commentaries at [www.brennalaw.com](http://www.brennalaw.com)). What a shameless plug.

I finally realized that I was trying to weave too many topics into a semi-coherent column. I finally went to bed putting off and indefinitely delaying my vow to stop procrastinating, until a later date.

If it weren't for the people who stop me in the midst of their busy day to encourage me to keep writing I might not have been able to get this column done. Even folks who stop to tell me they are occasionally "forced to read it" or claim they never read it — like the folks who quote what I've said on the radio and then remind me that they never listen to me — are actually very helpful in their motivation. I thank you all.

Maybe I was just overwhelmed that I had just shaken the hand of Dave Brubeck, and had a chance to say a few words to Stanley Clarke only 70 hours before that. What a week! I think I also was having trouble finding a way to incorporate reminding you that the Second Annual "Passion for Life — Passion for a Cure Gala" is being held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 18 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. It was inspired by the

life of my friend Barbara Fogarty, and it pays tribute to Dr. Okunieff and the other miracle workers at the Wilmot Cancer Center, and the proceeds of the event help support the Center.

Another unrelated one: The New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers seminar on Proving Damages at Trial is July 15 ([www.trialacademy.org](http://www.trialacademy.org)).

I guess the only way to make this weave together is to continue with an up to the minute report that my dear wife is watching me struggle to get this done and she just walked by to ask if I'd like her to make more coffee. Yes!

That actually leads me to the possibility of a segue to the last unsegueable (I just made that word up) topic: My wife.

In a few days it will be 25 years since we married. My college buddies call her Saint Judy. If that doesn't tell you enough, I could add that while my father (the only lawyer I really feared) was still alive, he made it clear that he would represent Judy if we ever divorced. My own father! Anyway, I've written about her enough in the past so that you get the idea.

So the wrap up is that I guess all of the above cumulatively gives me reason to be extremely thankful ...

and I am.

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