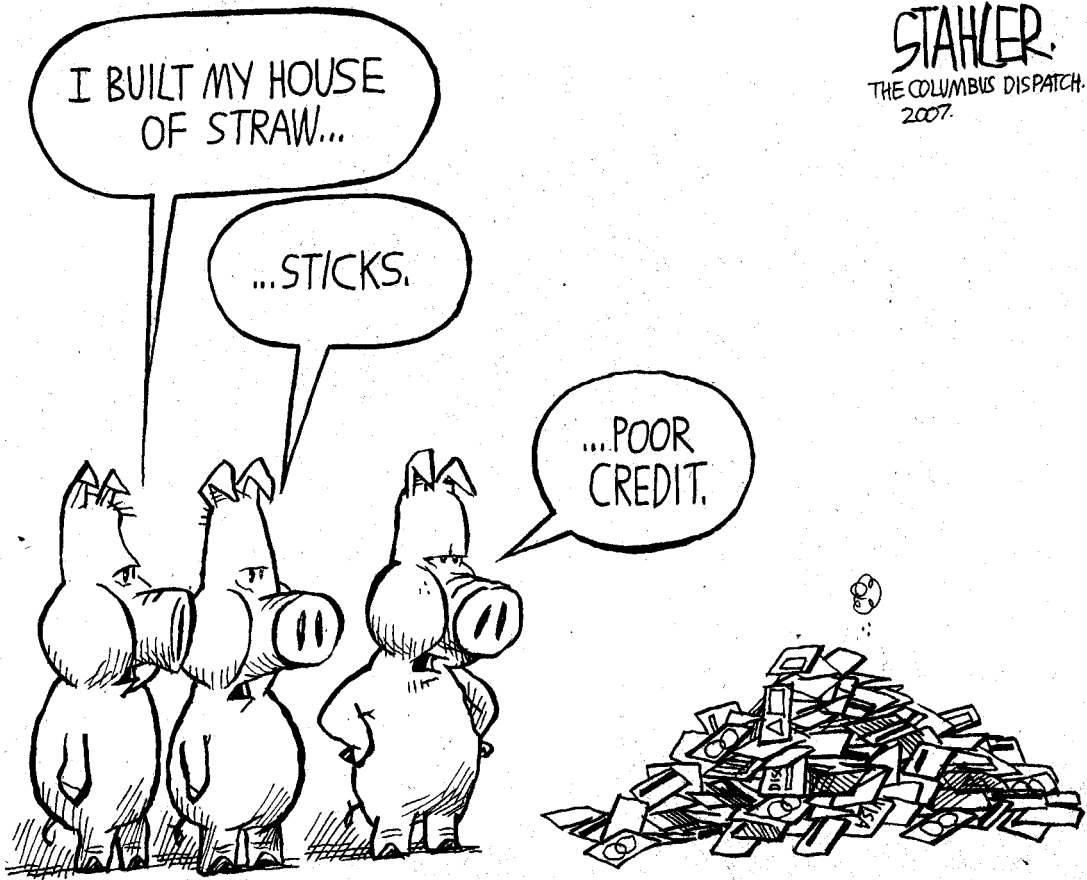


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter exaggerated cost of proceedings

I respond to the Nov. 3 letter "Coverage of disciplinary hearings leaves out the truth" from former Franklin County Domestic Relations Judge Carole Squire. She wrote that the disciplinary proceedings against her involved the expenditure of "hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxpayers' funds." This is not true.

The truth is that all funds for investigating, prosecuting and sanctioning errant lawyers and judges, as well as awards made to victims of their misconduct, come solely from fees that lawyers pay every two years to renew their licenses. Specifically, the costs in Squire's case came to \$16,999.45. As part of her sanction, she was ordered to repay the Ohio Supreme Court these costs.

Her letter paints a false picture of Ohio's disciplinary system, which has been protecting clients and the citizens of Ohio for 50 years. The truth is the Supreme Court and the legal profession are adamant about self-policing and dealing with those who abuse their trust, their clients and their licenses.

The truth is that the disciplinary system works hard on this mission, with no burden on Ohio's taxpayers.

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