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<p>carries have prohibited any voluntary working relationship between physicians and midwives or between the doctors and midwifery clients who are planning an OOH birth. In 1994 and 1995, the Medical Board held a total of 7 six-hour meetings of their Midwifery Implementation Committee. The lobbyist representing the California Association of Professional Liability Insurers (CAPLI) attended every meeting. Judge Cologne was an attorney, former judge, one-time employee of the US Justice Department's Anti-trust unit and a very recent lobbyist for the CMA. We asked him to explain the factual basis of the exclusionary policy by all CAPLI members, and provide information about actuarial data being used. Judge Cologne cheerfully admitted that none of the companies had any actuarial data."</p>	
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