

CONCESSIONS TO 9/11:
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STILL PACKIN'

A YEAR AGO, WE LABELED PETER BENSINGER, JR., "THE MOST wired lawyer in America" and perhaps the profession's heaviest air traveler, too [*The Mobile Lawyer*, Winter 2000]. The partner at Chicago's Barlitt Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott would sometimes carry nearly his weight in gear—an LCD projector, speakers, digital camera, typing stand, emergency smoke hood.

How has Bensinger's load changed since September 11? For a while, he

shed some gear. But then he went into withdrawal. Now he's loading up again, but checking some stuff he used to carry on board. The checked bag contains his screwdrivers, knives, hemostats (don't ask), and other sharp objects that would otherwise be confiscated by airport security. He's decided to leave his Leatherman Super Tool behind. "It truly is a serious weapon," he says. The smoke hood (you slip it over your head to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning) is a keeper. "I'm never giving up the hood," Bensinger quips. —Mark Voorhees