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incorporation papers and wills, reducing the need to hire lawyers; tort

reform and other regulations on litigation have had the same effect. As in all areas of today's economy, there are some big winners; the rest struggle to find work, or decide to leave the field altoge