

# Supreme Court of Florida

Case No. SC05-1150

In Re: Petition to Amend Rules  
Regulating The Florida Bar,  
Rule 4-1.5(f)(4)(B) of the  
Rules of Professional Conduct.

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**COMMENTS OF LISHA BOWEN  
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0169374  
AND OBJECTIONS TO  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

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Lisha Bowen, respectfully submits the following comments and objections to the proposed Amendment to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar – Rule 4-1.5(f)(4)(B) of the Rules of Professional Conduct:

1. As a member of the Florida Bar and a practicing attorney, I file this comment and objection to voice my opposition to the Grimes' Petition.
2. In my practice, I do not represent medical malpractice victims. However, given the gravity of the proposed Amendment, I felt it necessary to express my objection.
3. The Grimes petition seeks to incorporate into the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar a substantive interpretation of the provisions of Article I Sec. 26 of the Florida Constitution.
4. This Court should not permit the Petitioners to circumvent the legal testing method applied to all amendments to this State's Constitution, nor should this Court be a forum for political wrangling.
5. The Grimes petition seeks to improperly limit medical malpractice victims' access to the judicial system in the state of Florida thereby depriving malpractice

victims of their due process, freedom of association, equal protection and access to courts.

6. State and Federal Constitutional rights do not permit any person(s) to interfere with an individual's existing right under the current Florida Bar Rules to contract with a lawyer of his or her choice and to waive the existing provisions of Rule 4-1.5.

7. I oppose the Petition and request that the Honorable Court deny the Petition.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by U.S. Mail upon John Harkness, General Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300 and Stephen H. Grimes, Counsel for Petitioners, Holland & Knight, LLP, P.O. Box 810, Tallahassee, FL 32302-0810 on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisha Bowen