

## **Response and Objection to Grimes Petition - SCO5-1150**

**Please treat this as a formal response and objection to the Grimes Petition on the following grounds:**

- 1) The Grimes Petition is contrary to the best interests of the people of Florida.**
- 2) The Amendment as written would adversely affect those who can least afford it by limiting their right to the attorney of their choosing on a contingency fee basis.**
- 3) Amendment 3 did not adequately explain that it would result in victims of malpractice being unable to hire not only the attorney of their choosing, but any competent attorney skilled in handling medical malpractice cases.**
- 4) The people also weren't informed that the Amendment would create an unlevel playing field. The Grimes Petition seeks to limit what a catastrophically injured person or their family can pay their attorney, while allowing "The Medical Provider Wrongdoers" to have an unlimited budget.**
- 5) The supporters of the Grimes Petition have full knowledge of the time, effort and significant expenditures necessary to properly present a medical malpractice case. Therefore, they are actually seeking to deny justice to innocent injured victims.**
- 6) The Florida Supreme Court should deny the Grimes Petition in order to keep the doors of the Courthouse open to Florida's families who will become the victims of medical negligence.**

**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, Florida 32399-2300 and Stephen H. Grimes, Counsel for Petitioners, Holland & Knight, LLP, Post Office Box 810 Tallahassee, Florida 32302-0810 on this \_\_\_ day of September, 2005.

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