

SUPREME COURT

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.

**COMMENTS OF KIM PATRICK HART, ATTORNEY,
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Kim Patrick Hart 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 personal injury attorney, I file this objection to voice my opposition to the Grimes' Petition.
2. The Petition before the court has nothing to do with professionalism and everything to do with the Florida Medical Association trying to gain an advantage in medical malpractice litigation. Their intent is clear. They want to limit access to the people of Florida to competent counsel in medical malpractice actions. I feel it is improper to use our Professional Rules of Conduct to accomplish their goals.
3. It is the sacred tradition and honor of our profession to constantly expand the availability of legal services to the public, not to limit them. When people are unable to hire competent counsel to redress civil grievances, the whole society suffers. If people can't, in a civilized way, determine right and wrong, they turn to violence. It should be the goal of this Court and

The Florida Bar to expand availabilities of legal services to all members of the public, whether the issue is medical malpractice or other civil wrongs.

4. For these reasons, I oppose this Petition and request that this Honorable Court deny it.

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 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399 and Stephen Grimes, Counsel for Petitioners, Holland and Knight, LLP, P.O. Box 810 Tallahassee, FL 32302, this 8th day of September, 2005.

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