

SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. SC05-1150

In Re: Amendment to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar – Rule 4.15(f)(4)(B) of
The Rules of Professional Conduct

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH COURT'S ORDER
DATED WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2005

Thomas D. Hall, Clerk
Florida Supreme Court
500 South Duval Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927

October 18, 2005

Re: Grimes Petition - SCO5-1150

Dear Mr. Hall:

The following are a few comments in opposition to the Grimes petition that I would like the Court to consider in making its decision in this matter.

If Amendment 3 had been honestly presented to the public so that they knew it was designed to limit attorneys' fees and prevent them from getting the lawyer of their choice, I believe the people of Florida never would have voted for it.

I also feel that it takes away an individual's right to contract with the attorney of his/her choice and to decide what should be paid – it should be between the lawyer and the client.

I don't think our government should tell us who we can hire and how much we can pay attorneys. If it is going to do that, why not regulate the doctors, hospitals and insurance companies too. When we are sick, we have to seek the help of doctors and hospitals and have pay them - usually outrageous fees. Then the insurance companies either will not cover or will only pay a portion of those fees.

If government is going to insist on telling us what we will pay under Amendment 3, then I should at least be able to waive the rights that I might have under Amendment 3, if I want to do so. After all, I can waive my constitutional right if I am accused of a crime.

Thank you for considering the above in making your decision.

Yours truly,

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