

IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

CASE NO.: CS05-1150

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 MARLA J. RAWNSLEY, ATTORNEY,
IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT

My name is Marla J. Rawnsley and I am an attorney in good standing with the Florida Bar and currently engaged in the active practice of law. I oppose the Grime's Petition for the following reasons:

1. Through Rule 1-12.1(9) of the rules regulating the Florida Bar, we are granted the procedure privilege to propose rule changes for the purposes of advancing professionalism and the causes of justice. The Grime's Petition flies in the face of this rule in that it is, in fact, an action filed at the behest of the Florida Medical Association and its goal is simply a disingenuous attempt to circumvent due process of law in the determination of the constitutionality of Amendment 3.

2. The proposed rule change contained in the Grime's Petition is an attempt to close the doors of Florida Courthouses to victims of Medical Malpractice by attempting to eliminate citizens right to an attorney the citizen wants to represent him

or her.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully request this Court either dismiss or deny the petition.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

Respectfully presented,

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