

September 8, 2005

Clerk, The Florida Supreme Court  
500 South Duval Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1927

To the Clerk of The Florida Supreme Court;

I am a private citizen writing in opposition to the petition to limit medical malpractice contingency fees. This letter is Re: Case No. SC05-1150. My name is Jeffrey S. Reynolds. I live at 528 Club Drive in Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418. My phone number is (561) 624-0068.

I am opposed to the Grimes' petition seeking to codify Amendment 3 to the Florida Constitution into the Rules that Regulate the Florida Bar. I am a 1998 graduate of Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Florida. While I am not a practicing attorney, I do paralegal work in the field of personal injury and medical malpractice. I feel that the public was misinformed when voting for Amendment 3. I feel that the Grimes' petition is a further misguided interpretation of the provisions of Amendment 3.

It is my opinion that the interpretation of Amendment 3 and any of its applications is a substantive legal matter. Interpretation of the meaning of a law created by the Florida legislature is best addressed by litigation in our state courts. The Grimes' petition attempts to change substantive law through rules regulating professional conduct, which I believe is inappropriate.

Amendment 3 concerns itself with a claimant's right to receive certain damages in medical liability claims. Amendment 3 does not by its express terms place a limit on attorneys' fees.

I believe that Amendment 3 violates the provision in the United States Constitution that gives citizens the freedom to make contracts between parties in this country. I also believe that Amendment 3 violates the constitution of the State of Florida. Individuals should be free to make contracts with the lawyers of their choice. Individuals

should also be able to waive the provisions of Rule 4-1.5 of the Rules that Regulate the Florida Bar. I want to make my voice heard in opposition to the draconian provisions of the Grimes' petition.

Sincerely,

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RE: Case No. SC05-1150  
(Writing in Opposition to the Petition to Limit Medical Malpractice Contingency Fees)

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE FOREGOING HAS BEEN FURNISHED BY U.S. MAIL THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005 TO:

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