

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

CASE NUMBER SC05-1150

IN RE: PETITION TO AMEND
 RULE 4-1.5(f)(4)(B) OF THE
 RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

RESPONSE TO PETITION BY Bryan M. Silveus

I write in response to the Petition to Amend Rule 4-1.5(f)(4)(B) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Unfortunately, medical errors continue to occur at an alarming rate in our state. In fact, medical errors are one of the leading causes of death and medical errors cause many more serious injuries annually. In the unlikely event that I or any of my family members are somehow maimed, seriously injured or killed by a medical error caused by a doctor or a nurse, I believe that it should be my right to choose any attorney that I want to hire and for whatever terms that I choose. I do not want a situation where I cannot find a quality attorney to represent me because I cannot afford to pay the attorney. I am willing to pay more to an attorney to ensure that the person representing me is qualified. I fear that if this Petition is granted, the best lawyers will no longer do medical malpractice work and I and my family will be severely limited in our ability to hire and attorney.

Please, I urge you to deny this petition.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished by US regular mail this 14th day of October, 2005 to: John Harkness, General Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300 and Stephen H. Grimes, Counsel for Petitioners, Holland & Knight, LLP, PO Box 810, Tallahassee, FL 32302-0810.

Respectfully submitted,

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