

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

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**RESPONSE TO PETITION BY STEPHEN SPECTOR, ESQ.**

Please accept this Response to the Petition filed by former Justice Grimes seeking to amend the Florida Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.15(f)(4)(B).

I have reviewed the petition. It should be denied. I think it improper to permit citizens of our State to waive important constitutional protections while considering a petition that prohibits our citizens from exercising their rights of self-determination.

Citizens of the State of Florida, citizens of the United States of America, have the right to determine what rights they choose to exercise. Short of the establishment of a guardianship, no one should be permitted to force our citizenry to give up any fundamental right; and certainly not any right concerning self-determination.

The petition would severely limit, not enhance, the rights of Florida's citizens. The petition should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via U.S. regular mail this 21<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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 and Knight, LLP, P.O. Box 810, Tallahassee, FL 32302-0810.

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