

**PALM BEACH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO GRIMES PETITION TO AMEND RULE
4-1.5(f)(4)(B) OF THE RULES REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR**

WHEREAS, the Grimes petition seeks to engraft into the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar an incorrect interpretation of the provisions of Amendment 3 to the Florida Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the interpretation of Amendment 3 and any of its applications is a substantive legal matter to be addressed through appropriate litigation in the courts of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Grimes petition attempts to inappropriately change substantive law through the rules regulating professional conduct; and

WHEREAS, it is an infringement of State and Federal Constitutional rights to interfere with any individual's existing right under the current Florida Bar Rules to contract with a lawyer of his or her choice and to waive the existing provisions of Rule 4-1.5; and

WHEREAS, the effect of the proposed rule changes sought by the Grimes petition would unfairly impair the right of access to the judicial system to victims of medical malpractice.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved and agreed as follows:

1. The Palm Beach County Bar Association opposes the Rule changes contemplated by the Grimes Petition, and
2. The Palm Beach County Bar Association urges the Disciplinary Committee of The Florida Bar, the Board of Govenors of The Florida Bar as well as the Supreme Court of Florida to DENY THE GRIMES PETITION AND REJECT IT'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULE 4-1.5(F)(4)(B).

Dated: July ____, 2005

PALM BEACH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By _____
PRESIDENT