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SUPREME COURT CLERK
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RE: ADM File No. 2010-07
Proposed Amendment of Rule 1.5 of the MRPC

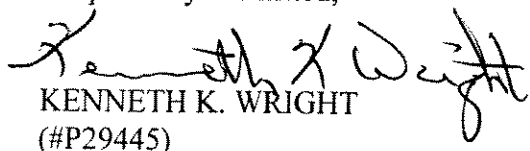
Dear Supreme Court Clerk:

I oppose the proposed amendment to MRPC 1.5 as an unnecessary intrusion upon the freedom to contract, although I do not foresee the dire consequences envisioned by Mr. Christensen and the Negligence Law Section of the State Bar. In fact, some of their hyperbole is ludicrous.

Really the issue is all about money, and oftentimes, for members of the plaintiff's bar, a most compelling factor in the decision to refer a case, is the anticipated cost of a given personal injury action. A solo practitioner such as myself, or even a small firm, may not have or be willing to take the risk of losing, the costs of bringing a given action where a larger or more well-heeled firm might.

The equally compelling argument can be made that increasing the share of the referee, by decreasing the share of the referer, simply widens the disparity between those that have more, and those that have less. Begging your pardon, but such should not be the aim of this, or any other, court.

Respectfully submitted,


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