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Subject: Edwards Running as VP

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Quote:Edwards actually took care to be on cases that he believed were of merit. And malpractice law is still very important. It's the one place where the common man can stand up, toe to toe with a big important company. And it needs to be there, too.

Here's the problem: you can sue your doctor if he/she doesn't work miracles. Here's an example- Someone is dying of a genetic condition which has no known cure. They proceed to die...the family sues the doctor for not saving them. Not only that, then they sue for the lost wages of the dead person- who could not have possibly lived any longer than they did, no matter what the doctor did. The amount of money being asked for is somewhere in the ballpark of \$10 million if the case goes to trial. Here's the real kicker- the doctor isn't even in the hospital when that person dies...in fact, the doctor works in the emergency room, only saw that person once, and recommended that they be admitted to the hospital.

That's a real case. In the interest of privacy, I won't give you the names of the people involved. That's how badly malpractice law is being abused. And that isn't the exception, it's the rule. Lawyers do not take malpractice cases because they believe in the merit of them, they take them because there is a huge payout- many times, more than the doctor's insurance will cover.

Furthermore, malpractice is not a chance for "the little guy" to stand up to "big important companies"- the hospital is not getting sued, the doctor is. Most of the time, the doctor winds up as being a convenient money bag for someone to reach their greedy hands into- or a scapegoat, a convenient person to point the blame at when there really is no one at fault.

I may not know much about Edwards, but I am not naive enough to assume that his record is pure. Obviously, from html's post, he's not.

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