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Ms. Bowne:

An ordinary citizen that as a result of circumstances beyond my control found her life totally upended and changed forever, I feel compelled to submit a comment to Rule 18-01 (P.R. 0252) which proposes amending Supreme Court Rule 218 (Pretrial Procedure).

Upon learning that one must agree to the release of one's medical information and forfeiting my right to privacy in order to continue with my case created great anguish and sadness of heart; I felt victimized all over again. This policy is frightening and further aggrieves the victim. It might even prevent some injured parties from seeking to hold those who caused the injury accountable.

When did we become a society where the victim, the injured party, becomes the "defendant"? At one time if a mistake was made, one owned up to it and made restitution to the injured party. What has our society come to when now the injured party continues to be injured and victimized by the very system that is supposed to protect them and bring justice to an injustice? How does one receive restitution for injuries suffered through no fault of their own? Why should I, the injured, have to lose my privacy to help the party responsible for the negligence? And why is providing one's entire life's medical history or any portion of one's medical history not directly related to the current specific issue even necessary?

Additionally, in today's technological world, information is leaked, misinformation is released, and once "out there" it's impossible to retrieve and/or correct. And this occurs without an individual's knowledge. Examples are out there, we hear it on a daily basis through the news outlets and internet sites. It has, does, and continues to create further and unnecessary harm to already injured parties.

While fairness to both sides should be balanced, it appears the pendulum on the scales of justice have swung too far against the victim and now seem to favor the alleged party responsible for the injuries.

Please, I implore you to protect my right to privacy.

Thank you for considering my comments.
Respectfully,

Karen Emerle
Private Citizen, United States of America

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