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I remember all too well--in the 2 1/2 years before Kunkel v. Walton-- being instructed by injured prospective clients NOT to file their injury claims because of the required total exposure of their medical histories.

The proposed change to Rule 218 would now have the Supreme Court forcing injured persons to make that same choice between the right of privacy in unrelated medical information and the right to a remedy for injuries which the court found to be unconstitutional in Kunkel v. Walton and Best v. Taylor Machine Works.

In addition, the proposed change would require knowing disregard, and violation, of the HIPAA statute and regulations.

For the sake of brevity, I adopt the statements made by Robert Fink, Sofia Zneimer, and Lawrence Kream.

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