



It's all about profits

As a lawyer who often represents ordinary people injured by others, I am compelled to reply to George Will's column entitled "Feeling aggrieved? File suit in Mississippi." Will's column is nothing more than insurance company press release, devoid of thought, consideration, accuracy or research. His suggestion that injured people are responsible for an "insurance crisis" is not only ridiculous, but ignores the only reason why this crisis has recently reappeared on the pages of our newspapers. Corporations and insurance companies have an insatiable appetite for money. Their corporate officers have huge salaries and lavish expense accounts that their policyholders pay for, but the public never sees.

Policyholders, including doctors, should demand an accounting of how their premium dollars are spent. They will find that the insurance agency merely placing the policy gets up to 20 percent of the premium! Where are the caps on insurance agencies? Where are the caps on executive expense accounts, or the number of rounds of golf paid with premium dollars? Instead the executives have assembled to attack and blame the injured for falling profits.

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