

BULLETIN



CALA: Hot Coffee is Weak

Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse (CALA) groups statewide shined a light on the blatantly self-serving and biased storytelling featured in "Hot Coffee," a recent HBO documentary made by personal injury lawyers hoping to advance the lawsuit agenda that lines their pockets.

CALA urged viewers of "Hot Coffee" to consider the source in an opinion published in the *Southeast Texas Record* by CALA Houston Executive Director Michelle Martin. "An honest, thoughtful study of the issue would also have looked

at the thousands of small businesses, health care professionals and employers who are routinely the victims of abusive lawsuits. The movie selectively presents examples and attempts to use those few cases to deflect from the many, many more questionable and outright abusive lawsuits that flood our legal system." Read the full opinion at www.setexasrecord.com/arguments/236533-new-documentary-pushes-personal-injury-lawyer-agenda.

East Texans Against Lawsuit Abuse Unveils New Video Message from Senator Cornyn Touting Texas Success Story of Legal Reform

East Texans Against Lawsuit Abuse (ETALA) unveiled a new video message from U.S. Senator John Cornyn in which he credits legal reforms with making the Texas economy among the strongest in the nation.

"Texas is a national model for common sense lawsuit reform," Senator Cornyn said in his video message. "Our legal reforms are a big reason why Texas has added more jobs over the past 10 years than any other state in the country. I'm optimistic that soon we'll have a chance to pursue lawsuit reform at the national level because the American people are coming to understand that lawsuit abuse is a job killer."



"Smart, common-sense legal reforms here have helped Texas shed its reputation for jackpot justice," said Diane Davis, executive director of ETALA. "Reforms have made Texas a great place to do business and that's created jobs, investment and greater access to healthcare. We appreciate Senator Cornyn's steadfast commitment to protecting the Texas success story by continuing to fight for lawsuit reform." Senator Cornyn's message is available online at www.legalwatchdog.org.

CALAs Join Governor Perry for Signing of Pro-Consumer, Pro-Jobs Legal Reform Bill



The following statement may be attributed to Chip Hough of Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse of Central Texas:

"The Texas business climate is heralded nationally as among the best, and the influx of new and relocated business headquarters moving into Texas is positive proof that we're doing something right. We appreciate that Governor Perry and Texas lawmakers are committed to keeping Texas at the forefront of the effort to ensure local courts are used for justice, not greed.

"In passing – and now signing – HB 274, Governor Perry and Texas lawmakers have again shown that they are committed to ensuring consumers remain able to access our legal system while maintaining the Texas commitment to ending frivolous and abusive lawsuits that cost Texas jobs and hurt Texas families.

"At Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse (CALA) many of our supporters have experienced first hand the antics of aggressive personal injury lawyers who file suits that cast a wide net and target many companies – including some companies that should never be part of the suit in the first place. The wasted dollars and man-hours spent researching, preparing and fighting lawsuits like this are costing Texas jobs and continued private investment.

"You can't get more pro-consumer and pro-jobs than a legal system that's no longer burdened and clogged by lawsuits that are filed indiscriminately. We appreciate that reforms aren't saying, 'let's eliminate lawsuits altogether.' We're simply saying, 'bring lawsuits to court that make sense.' We applaud Governor Perry and Texas lawmakers for their continued commitment to smart legal reforms that are good for Texas."

"There are states all over the country that are trying to catch up to Texas, which has done a phenomenal job creating jobs. When companies are looking to move to Texas, these legal reforms move Texas to the top of the list."

- Bobby Jenkins, president of ABC Home and Commercial Services and a board member of CALA-Central Texas touting the benefits of the recently signed "loser pays" law. View Bobby Jenkins' video at:

http://www.youtube.com/user/govperry#p/u/4/8dctXDjo_lg

UPCOMING EVENTS



CALACTX Rove Event

Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse of Central Texas will host its annual fall fundraiser featuring Karl Rove, former deputy chief of staff and senior advisor to President George W. Bush. Mr. Rove is also the author of the book "Courage and Consequence" and is a contributor to/ columnist for Fox News, the Wall Street Journal and Newsweek. The event is scheduled for Thursday, September 29 at the Austin Club in downtown Austin. Visit www.calactx.com/ for more information.



Governor Huckabee Headlines BACALA Annual Signature Luncheon

Bay Area Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse (BACALA) will feature former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee during its annual signature luncheon banquet on Wednesday, October 12, at the Solomon P. Ortiz Conference Center in Corpus Christi.

BACALA's annual signature luncheon has become one of the most well-known, anticipated events in the Coastal Bend region of Texas. As this year's keynote speaker, Governor Huckabee joins the ranks of notable personalities including former ABC News correspondent and Fox News commentator John Stossel; Fox News host Colonel Oliver North; former George W. Bush advisor Karen Hughes; former judge, news commentator and author Catherine Crier; author, columnist and commentator Ann Coulter, presidential advisor Karl Rove; and, most recently, Texas Senator John Cornyn. The event draws approximately 1,000 people annually. Tickets will soon be available for sale on the organization's website, www.bacala.net.



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