

RESOLUTION 86-07A

Title: Full Disclosure by Candidates for AMA Delegate Positions
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Referred to: Reference Committee C
House Action: Disapproved

Whereas, one of the purported main priorities of the AMA remains tort reform, and

Whereas, malpractice torts can be driven not only by the self interests of defense and plaintiff attorneys, but also by the self interests of defense and plaintiff expert physicians, and

Whereas, while such testimony may be done in good faith with the protection of the public as a primary concern, it might also be a pure fee-for-service and thus interfere with the AMA's goal of tort reform; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS require that a plaintiff or defense expert physician who also wants to run for office in a county medical society, MSMS or for an AMA delegate or alternate delegate position disclose this association for the electorate to judge if a conflict of interest is present.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE