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## Washington State Consumers Defeat I-330

On November 8, 2005 the people of the State of Washington voted by a wide margin 56.60 % to 43.30 % to reject Initiative 330. If passed, the Initiative would have adversely impacted injured people, their families and consumers of health care in our state. The initiative was backed by big business and the insurance industry. It is estimated that the supporters of I-330, in an attempt to pass the Initiative, spent 10 million dollars on the campaign.

By rejecting the Initiative, Washington state consumers avoided draconian restrictions on their civil rights. The Initiative would have placed a \$350,000.00 damages cap on non-economic damages. Non-economic damages include compensation for past and future pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment

of life and partial and permanent disabilities caused by the wrongdoing and fault of others.

On the other hand, the Initiative did not mention, discuss or force insurance carriers to reduce the insurance rates charged to the medical community or address reductions in insurance premiums. The Initiative clearly was not a solution to the healthcare community's high insurance rates.

The Initiative would have also eliminated the ability of many consumers to find a lawyer willing to take their case in many situations and it would have also forced consumers to give up their right to go to court as a condition precedent to receiving medical care.

In summary, the voters of Washington did not get fooled by 20 pages of FINE PRINT, which contained many adverse provisions.

## Attorney Spotlight on Aaron Adee

Aaron Adee is an associate attorney for the North Sound Offices of Graham Lundberg & Peschel. Aaron devotes his practice to personal injury and wrongful death claims.

Born and raised in Seattle, Aaron attended Ballard High School before earning a B.A. in Political Science at the University of California, San Diego. Aaron stayed in San Diego to study law at California Western School of Law. After graduating from law school, Aaron began his legal career as a contract attorney at Preston Gates & Ellis where he worked on

various litigated matters. Aaron later practiced at the general litigation firm of Burkett, Burdette & Fogarty before joining Graham Lundberg & Peschel, P.S., Inc., in March 2005. Aaron is a welcome addition to Graham Lundberg and Peschel's litigation team.

Aaron is a member of the Washington Bar Association, King County Bar Association and the Washington State Trial Lawyers, for which he serves on the Rules Committee.

When he is not advocating for his clients, Aaron enjoys reading, running and watching movies.

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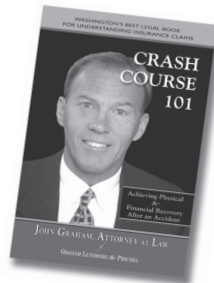
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