

Letter to the Editor RE: George Will column in Courier Journal

Dear Editor:

George Will's recent column "Legal outcomes expose a lack of common sense" unfortunately relies on misleading anecdotes to malign trial attorneys and the civil justice system. The real facts and data contradict his every assertion.

The Constitution ensures that all people have a fair chance to receive justice through the legal system, even when taking on the most powerful corporations. Will's column insists that all lawsuits are "frivolous." But try telling that to someone when their insurance company refuses to pay a just claim, is injured by a drug the manufacturer knew was dangerous, or loses their life savings due to the actions of an unscrupulous investment banker.

In reality, the number of civil filings has been decreasing for over a decade. And trial attorneys, who must pay for all expenses up-front out of their own pockets, have no incentive to file a "frivolous" claim when they know a jury would not rule in their favor.

But that doesn't stop Mr. Will from peddling propaganda that tries to insist that litigation is out of control. This solely benefits big corporations that don't want to be held accountable for their negligence, and serves to the detriment of everyday Americans whose only recourse is the court of law.

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