

*Points for the
Greenville Chamber Friday Series on Judicial Reform
July 26, 2002*

- I support civil justice reform as long as it is fair, balanced and doesn't hinder the people's access to the courtroom.

- Out-of-state interests shouldn't come here to try their cases. Mississippi's courtrooms should be reserved for Mississippi's people.

- My office has been working with doctors, lawyers and legislators across the state on this issue.

- The issue of the availability and affordability of medical malpractice insurance has not moved off our radar screen.

- We are working to craft a solution now, and I am planning to call a special session in August to address this issue.

- We recognize there is a crisis in the state of Mississippi regarding the affordability and accessibility of medical malpractice insurance.

- We will not stand by and allow the affordability of insurance to limit the accessibility of health care.