



Businesses are leaving the state or are discouraged from coming because of our legal system—NOT TRUE

- *Forbes* magazine listed Tulsa as having the lowest cost of doing business among 150 metropolitan areas. Oklahoma City was third on that list in 2004.
- *Expansion Management Magazine* in 2005 ranked Tulsa as eleventh and Oklahoma City as 23rd as the hottest cities for business relocation and expansion. They ranked Oklahoma as 13th out of all 50 states to a favorable place to relocate your business.
- Oklahoma is in the top ten most pro-business states in the country, according to the 2005 Pollina Corporate Real Estate, Inc. study.

Doctors are leaving the state due to malpractice lawsuits—NOT TRUE

- Oklahoma ranks 6th per capita for the number of doctors that reside and practice in Oklahoma.
- The number of licensed physicians and Osteopaths practicing in the state are up almost 9% from 1995 to 2004.
- According to the federal government's medicare program, Oklahoma doctors spend an average of only 1.7 percent of their practice incomes on malpractice insurance, compared with a nationwide average of 3.9 percent.
- Oklahoma's claims have gone down since the tort reform law passed in 2003 requiring certificates of merit before the suit is filed. Since July 1, 2003 malpractice lawsuits being filed is down 40%

It would seem that a more productive conversation would be focused on ways to reduce the number of preventable medical errors.

- There are between 528-1,176 deaths in OK each year that are due to preventable medical errors in hospitals.
- According to the National Practitioner Data Bank, just 3.6 percent of Oklahoma doctors have been responsible for 43.4 percent of all malpractice payouts to patients.



Juries are out of control—NOT TRUE

- The US Chamber of Commerce 2005 survey of defense attorneys ranked Oklahoma 33rd in terms of overall state liability systems and characterized Oklahoma as moderate.
- 95% of Oklahoma district judges thought jury awards were not excessive or too high.
- According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the average personal injury award dropped 56.3% between 1992 and 2001 to \$28,000.