



# Spotlight On Justice



## REAL CONSERVATIVES LIKE CONTINGENCY FEES

Conservatives like the American Enterprise Institute say:

- Contingent fees improve access to the courts for low-income plaintiffs.
- Contingent fees help to spread risk since the plaintiff does not pay if he loses the case.
- Rather than encourage baseless lawsuits, the contingent fee actually helps screen them out of the system.
- Contingent fees do not increase awards.



Source:  
Alexander Tabarrok and Eric Helland, "Two Cheers for Contingent Fees," AEI Press, 2005; James Gattuso, Heritage Foundation, "Don't Rush to Condemn Contingency Fees," *Wall Street Journal*, 1986.

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