

**FREQUENCY RESPONSES
FROM A SURVEY OF 600 LIKELY LOUISIANA VOTERS
CONDUCTED JULY 26 THROUGH 30, 2011
WEIGHTED BY PARTY, RACE AND SEX
(MAY NOT TOTAL 100.0 DUE TO ROUNDING)**

- Would you rate Louisiana as an excellent, good, not so good or poor place:

| | <u>EXCELLENT</u> | <u>GOOD</u> | <u>NOT SO GOOD</u> | <u>POOR</u> | <u>(DNK /WS)</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|
| a. to live | 19.2 | 60.4 | 11.9 | 7.7 | 0.7 |
| b. for companies to do business | 16.6 | 55.8 | 18.1 | 6.0 | 3.4 |
| c. to find a good job | 8.5 | 35.2 | 35.5 | 16.9 | 3.9 |
| d. to retire | 20.0 | 53.1 | 16.0 | 8.3 | 2.6 |
| e. to raise a family | 19.2 | 59.6 | 12.6 | 7.3 | 1.4 |

- Please tell me if you consider the following to be a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem in Louisiana:

| (Randomize) | <u>MAJOR PROBLEM</u> | <u>MINOR PROBLEM</u> | <u>NOT A PROBLEM</u> | <u>(DNK /WS)</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| a. the number of lawsuits filed | 43.8 | 18.4 | 13.9 | 23.9 |
| b. lawsuit abuse | 49.6 | 22.8 | 13.6 | 13.9 |
| c. availability of jobs | 48.4 | 34.5 | 13.5 | 3.7 |
| d. attracting new businesses | 39.4 | 34.3 | 22.7 | 3.6 |
| e. taxes | 33.2 | 39.3 | 25.7 | 1.8 |

- In general, do you think there are too many, not enough or about the right amount of lawsuits in Louisiana?
- | | |
|-------------------|------|
| TOO MANY..... | 65.5 |
| NOT ENOUGH..... | 3.6 |
| RIGHT AMOUNT..... | 13.5 |
| (DNK/WS)..... | 17.5 |

- Do you agree or disagree (strongly or somewhat):

| (Randomize) | <u>STRONGLY AGREE</u> | <u>SOMEWHAT AGREE</u> | <u>SOMEWHAT DISAGREE</u> | <u>STRONGLY DISAGREE</u> | <u>(DNK /WS)</u> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| a. lawsuit abuse is costing Louisiana jobs | 44.7 | 24.6 | 8.4 | 11.1 | 11.1 |
| b. lawsuit abuse is hurting Louisiana's economy | 46.4 | 25.1 | 9.9 | 8.8 | 9.9 |
| c. lawsuit reform is needed in Louisiana | 61.7 | 21.6 | 3.9 | 5.3 | 7.5 |
| d. advertisements by personal injury lawyers encourage people to sue ... | 69.4 | 15.4 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 3.5 |
| e. people file lawsuits because they believe that a business would rather make a money settlement than go to court | 55.5 | 23.4 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 8.2 |
| f. lawsuits raise the price that consumers pay for goods and services in Louisiana | 57.3 | 21.8 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.0 |

g. lawsuit reform will make it easier for Louisiana to attract new businesses or keep businesses in the state 48.8..... 26.8..... 7.1..... 7.3... 10.0

h. lawyers are taking advantage of disasters such as hurricanes and the oil spill to file frivolous lawsuits 55.8..... 21.8..... 6.5..... 8.6.... 7.3

• Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate running for public office who took campaign contributions from personal injury lawyers? MORE LIKELY..... 9.6 LESS LIKELY..... 75.3 (DNK/WS)..... 15.1

• Please tell me if you think lawsuit abuse contributes a lot, some, a little or nothing at all:

| | A | A | NOTHING (DNK | |
|---|------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | <u>LOT</u> | <u>SOME</u> | <u>LITTLE</u> | <u>AT ALL</u> /WS) |
| a. to higher automobile insurance rates | 67.4 .. | 19.1.. | 4.4.... | 5.4 .. 3.8 |
| b. to increasing the costs of other goods and services | 45.5 .. | 31.5. | 10.3.... | 8.5 .. 4.3 |
| c. to keeping new businesses from locating in Louisiana | 42.3 .. | 29.2.. | 9.3.... | 11.9 .. 7.4 |
| d. to increasing the cost of running a business | 49.8 .. | 31.3.. | 7.8.... | 6.9 .. 4.2 |
| e. to finding a well paying job in Louisiana . | 36.7 .. | 29.7. | 12.4.... | 14.7 .. 6.5 |