

# Defending P.I. ("Personal Injury")

## The Bar and Grill Singers

A long, long time ago, when I made a living  
Working for insurance companies  
Well, I knew how to bill a file  
And I took every case to trial  
And I collected all those hourly fees  
With tort reform it changed forever  
For plaintiffs and defense together  
Dockets all were clearing...  
The lawsuits disappearing  
I still remember how I tried  
To understand the reasons why  
Adjusters laughed out with delight  
The day the lawsuits died

So bye, bye to defending P.I.  
Drove the plaintiffs out of business  
But defense work went dry  
And good ol' firms were left  
a'wonderin' why, sayin'  
"This is not what we hand in mind"

In the good years we could bill our time  
And not think about the bottom line  
But that's not how it is today  
Now insurers limit discovery  
And demand a cap on legal fees that  
there're quick to cut and slow to pay

And as I watched them celebrate  
I realized it was too late  
Bad faith and worker's comp  
Were slowly dying off  
And as the tort reformers legislate  
The lawsuits they eliminate  
I was my law practice dissipate  
The day the lawsuits died  
And I was sayin'

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I quit my job to mediate  
But I couldn't charge a decent rate  
Insurers all refused to pay  
I went up to the courthouse door  
Where I tried those cases years before  
But the judge there said they'd  
settled every case  
The plaintiffs took what they could get  
Insurers knew that there was no risk  
They saved the cost of trial  
By using in-house counsel  
And the two that I defended most  
"Good Neighbors" and those "Good Hands Folks"  
They Raised their glasses in a toast  
The day the lawsuits died

And they were sayin'  
Bye, bye to defending P.I.  
Drove the lawyers out of business  
and the claims have run dry  
Insurance dollars stay with our bottom line  
They said, "This is just what we had in mind"

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