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Maggie Knowles, etc. v. Beverly Enterprises-Florida, Inc., etc.

Case No. SC00-1910 (Fla. Dec. 16, 2004)

Today, the Florida Supreme Court issued its long-awaited decision in *Knowles v. Beverly Enterprises-Florida, Inc.* The court agreed with the Fourth District Court of Appeal that a personal representative of a nursing home resident's estate cannot bring a resident's rights claim under the pre-2001 version of Chapter 400 unless the alleged violation of rights actually caused the resident's death. In so holding, the Court implicitly disapproved a contrary decision by the Fifth District in *Estate of Youngblood v. Halifax Convalescent Ctr., Ltd.*, 874 So. 2d 596 (Fla. 5th DCA 2004).

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