

Re: Trial of the Century: US vs Philip Morris, et. al

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>*I won't presume to know the purpose of litigation. If it gets people talkng*
>*about important issues, all to the good. I don't want some gatekeeper*
>*deciding*
>*I can't bring a suit.*
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>*Gisele*

There is no gatekeeper deciding you can't bring a suit, but there are ways to sanction those who bring purely frivolous suits. Not to mention the costs involved in doing so; while you may be able to file the thing just for the filing fee, how likely are you going to do that successfully on your own? No, you are going to go (if you are smart) and hire a lawyer. Then the person or entity you sued is going to go and get a lawyer. Then the process begins, and it's not like you just file the suit and a judge glances at it and says "frivolous" nor not. There are huge costs involved with these "discussion starters."

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