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**DATE:** February 4, 2009  
**TO:** Representative Bob Nance  
**FROM:** The Missouri Bar  
**RE:** House Bill 158

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Recently, The Missouri Bar Executive Committee met to review legislation. The Executive Committee consists of the officers of the bar and three additional members annually elected by the Board of Governors. The members of this year's committee are Thomas M. Burke, President; H.A. "Skip" Walther, President-Elect; John S. Johnston, Vice-President; Charlie J. Harris, Jr., Immediate Past-President; Carol Chazen Friedman; Patrick B. Starke; and Deanna K. Scott. The committee has authority to act on behalf of the Board of Governors during the legislative session. In reviewing legislation, the Executive Committee considers comments received from various Missouri Bar legislative review subcommittees. All positions taken by the Executive Committee are communicated to the full Board as soon as possible after they are taken.

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The Executive Committee found House Bill 158 to be within the legislative scope of The Missouri Bar. The bar has supported this legislation for a number of years, in the belief that it will facilitate access to justice for average citizens seeking resolution of minor disputes.