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DATE: February 5, 2009
TO: Representative Tim Jones
FROM: The Missouri Bar
RE: House Bill 238

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.

After reviewing House Bill 238 and the comments received, the Executive Committee found this legislation to be within the legislative scope of The Missouri Bar. This legislation would allow the annual report of the Judicial Finance Committee to be combined with any other annual report of the Missouri Supreme Court of Office of State Courts Administrator. It was noted that this proposal is supported by the Judicial Conference and the Office of State Courts Administrator and will result in cost savings. The Missouri Bar supports House Bill 238.

Thank you for introducing House Bill 238 to improve judicial administration.