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DATE: April 28, 2009
TO: Representative Jason Grill
FROM: The Missouri Bar
RE: House Bill 793

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.

Recently, The Missouri Bar Executive Committee reviewed House Bill 793, which provides that a voluntary acknowledgement of paternity will be a public record. The Executive Committee found this legislation to be within the bar's legislative scope. Based on unanimously supportive comments from members of the Bar's Family Law Section, the Executive Committee voted to support House Bill 793.