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BETTER COURTS FOR MISSOURI: WHAT IS THE SUPREME COURT'S RECORD RETENTION POLICY?

(Jefferson City, MO) – Today Better Courts for Missouri (BCM) submitted a sunshine request seeking documents pertaining to the Supreme Court of Missouri's policies on document retention and the use of court resources for personal, non government purposes.

BCM previously requested records regarding the court's lobbying campaign against House Joint Resolution 10 (HJR 10) and Senate Joint Resolution 9 (SJR 9)—measures that would allow more accountability and transparency in the judicial selection system.

“Better Courts for Missouri is seeking these public records in order to determine whether the court's record retention policies are in compliance with the standards set forth for all branches of state government. The court must adhere to the same standards to which all of our public officials are held. Unfortunately, we believe that some in the judiciary are under the mistaken impression that Missouri's Open Records and Meeting Law does not apply to them in letter or spirit,” stated Harris. “We again call on the supreme court to release the records requested under our previous open records request and to release their record retention policies to ensure public records are not being destroyed,” added Harris.

To schedule an interview with James Harris, Executive Director, BCM, please contact him at 573-761-7875 or james@thejharriscompany.com. For more information on BCM, please visit www.NewMOPlan.com.

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