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Better Courts for Missouri Applauds Decision to Uphold Funding Formula, Hopes Restraint Extends to Klotz v. St. Anthony's

In a decision announced on Monday, the Missouri Supreme Court upheld the state's school funding formula. Missouri's Court was expected to follow the lead of several other states' courts that have thrown out funding formulas, overstepping the constitutional boundaries of the judiciary in order to force additional spending and raise taxes. Instead, the Missouri Supreme Court affirmed a lower court's ruling that the state's funding formula is constitutional, backing away from the activist decisions that have become commonplace in such cases.

"I was pleasantly surprised that the Court upheld the state's school funding formula. I hope they will exercise the same kind of judicial restraint when they decide another very important case, Klotz v. St. Anthony's, concerning the validity of Missouri's comprehensive lawsuit reform laws," said James Harris. "The robber barons of the legal profession can't get their way through the democratic process. Instead, they have turned to the Court, hoping it will transform our civil justice system into a virtual ATM machine by striking down sensible, Constitutional laws designed to eliminate lawsuit abuse and attract businesses that create family-supporting jobs. It will be interesting to see if this Court is independent enough to uphold tort reform and deliver a major setback to the same ambulance-chasing trial lawyers who dominate the judicial selection commissions."

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