



THE MISSOURI BAR

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RE: Your Missouri Bar Dues Protest and Request for Refund

Dear [REDACTED]:

I have your undated letter, requesting a refund of a portion of your dues. Regrettably, I am unable to determine the specific nature of your protest.

You state that The Missouri Bar announced that "it would spend \$500,000 to oppose reform of The Missouri Plan for selecting judges." The Missouri Bar did not authorize funds for that purpose, but rather that amount of money was authorized to expand our public education campaign about the justice system. Some portion, as yet undetermined, may relate to the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan. You also suggested that any portion of your fees that support "a political campaign" are paid under protest. The Missouri Bar does not engage in political campaigns and, therefore, we cannot determine the specific nature of your protest.

If you would like to be more specific in your protest, we will be happy to further consider the matter.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Birkes
Executive Director

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