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PRESS RELEASE

The 9th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, consisting of attorneys from Chariton, Linn and Sullivan counties held its annual meeting on October 29, 2012 in Brookfield Missouri.

The guest speaker was Mr. Patrick B. Starke, with Starke Law Offices in Blue Springs, Missouri. Mr. Starke is the newly elected President of the Missouri Bar. Mr. Starke spoke about Constitutional Amendment Three, which, if passed, will make significant changes to the Missouri Plan and will politicize the selection process of certain Missouri judges, including Missouri Supreme Court justices and all Missouri Appellate judges. The Missouri Plan is a non-partisan based system of selecting these judges that has been used in Missouri for over 70 years and has been modeled by several other states.

The 9th Judicial Circuit Bar Association voted unanimously to oppose Constitutional Amendment Three, as such amendment would immediately tamper with the working Missouri Plan and politicize the selection of certain Missouri judges. The 9th Circuit Judicial Bar Association encourages anyone with questions about Constitutional Amendment Three to review the proposed amendment at the Missouri Secretary of State's website at www.sos.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

Tracy L. Carlson
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9th Circuit Judicial Bar Association Secretary/Treasurer