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Missourians Encouraged to Take Action: Stop Judges from Legislating from the Bench

*Advocacy Effort Hopes to Shine a Light on Appellate Judicial Commission by
Encouraging Citizens to Say NO to an Activist Court*

(Jefferson City) – The non-partisan, not-for-profit Adam Smith Foundation announced a new outreach effort for Missourians who want to stop judges from making laws from the bench instead of simply interpreting laws as is their outlined purpose in the Constitution. New billboards in several cities encourage and empower citizens to contact members of the Appellate Judicial Commission and say NO to an Activist Court.

“It is our belief that most citizens are not aware of how Supreme Court members are appointed and we want to shine a light on the process for them” stated Tom Shupe. The Adam Smith Foundation urges active citizen involvement in judicial selection. Citizens need to get involved, as without their participation, a proponent of judicial activism could be promoted to the Supreme Court from behind closed doors.

Currently, the Appellate Judicial Commission is reviewing various applicants and will begin interviews in a few weeks to select three individuals to submit to Governor Blunt for appointment to the Missouri Supreme Court. “We call upon Judge Laura Stith and members of the Appellate Judicial Commission to conduct all meetings and conversations with fellow members in an open, public manner for all citizens to see,” stated John Elliott.



For more information on the Adam Smith Foundation or how you can get involved, please visit www.AdamSmithFoundation.org.

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