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“TORT REFORMERS” CREATE THEIR OWN NEWSPAPERS TO CONTROL PUBLIC OPINION



The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, one of the largest “tort reform” lobby groups in the country, has created a Southern Illinois newspaper called *The Madison County Record*, a West Virginia paper called the *West Virginia Record* and the *Southeast Texas Record* in Beaumont, Texas. These newspapers present readers with biased, anti-victim accounts of cases and

pro-tort reform commentary.

According to one report, the Chamber won't tell readers about its connection to the paper “because it might be prejudged.”



Source:

Jeffrey H. Birnbaum, “Advocacy Groups Blur Media Lines; Some Push Agendas By Producing Movies, Owning Newspapers,” *Washington Post*, December 6, 2004.

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