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## **BIG BUSINESS BUYS ITS OWN NEWSPAPER TO CONTROL ILLINOIS 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/St. Claire Record*. This paper takes a very anti-consumer, pro-business stance as they cover legal news in their respective counties.



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

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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