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New Missouri Supreme Court case addressing scope of medical authorizations

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"The scope of medical authorizations has long been fertile ground for discovery disputes. But it need not be so. In *State ex rel. Stecher v. Dowd*, 912 S.W.2d 462, 464 (Mo. banc 1995), and *State ex rel. Jones v. Syler*, 936 S.W.2d 805, 807 (Mo. banc 1997), this Court established the reasonable boundaries and process for such discovery – “medical authorizations must be tailored to the pleadings, and this can only be achieved on a case-by-case basis.” In this case, as in all cases, medical authorizations require a tailored “case-by-case” analysis by the parties and, if necessary, the circuit court, in accordance with *Stecher* and *Syler*. This was not done. As such, the preliminary writ of prohibition is made permanent."

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