



## Kansas City Business Journal: Lathrop Lawyer Wins Big BTK-Related Case

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For a First Amendment lawyer, victories don't often come as large as Friday's Kansas Supreme Court victory for Lathrop Gage LLP's Bernie Rhodes.

The state's highest court tossed aside what was originally a \$1.1 million verdict in favor of a Wichita man bringing an "outrage" claim against a television station for identifying him as a suspect in the BTK investigation.

"This was a major victory for the First Amendment in Kansas because it clarified that the truthful reporting of information by the media cannot be the basis of a claim, regardless of what you call it," Rhodes said Friday morning, when the Kansas Supreme Court ruled on a case that dates to 2004. [Read more ...](#)