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TO: WBDT Members

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SUBJ: Formalized Can Ban Ruling

Last Friday, March 21, 2014, the District Court formalized its January ruling on the New Braunfels "Can Ban" and "Cooler Size" ordinances. The river outfitters and associated business of the area (including Beer Distributors) won on all counts and in all respects. District Judge Don Burgess ruled that the City Ordinances are "unconstitutional and void" and that the City was "illegally expending taxpayer funds to enforce the Ordinances." The Judge issued a permanent injunction to prevent the City from enforcing either of the Ordinances. WBDT believes that the legal underpinnings of the ruling reflect a major victory for the rule of law, and we congratulate Tri-City and Wright Distributing for their perseverance and dedication to this important cause.

Judge Burgess's ruling "poured out" (pun intended) the City's legal argument and awarded attorney's fees to the prevailing parties. The City of New Braunfels has 30 days to appeal the ruling. You will find the 4-page order attached. Feel free to contact WBDT staff should you have any questions or requests for additional information.