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## **Board of Tax Appeals Adopts Position Argued by Kansas Justice Institute—School Board Didn't Follow Kansas' Truth in Taxation Law**

*BOTA rules in favor of KJI-supported taxpayer and orders school board to refund its taxpayers or reduce the levy.*

Topeka, KS - Kansas Justice Institute filed an [amicus brief](#) with the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals involving a challenge to the validity of property taxes imposed by Unified School District 348 in Baldwin City.

The Board of Tax Appeals adopted KJI's position, [ruled](#) in favor of the taxpayer, and ordered USD 348 to refund its taxpayers or reduce the levy.

"This is an outstanding victory for the rule of law, taxpayer rights, and governmental accountability," says Sam MacRoberts, Kansas Justice Institute litigation director.

Before the Truth in Taxation legislation, city and county officials said they were holding the line on property taxes while valuation changes allowed rates to rapidly increase without public hearings or public debate. Now local officials are required to vote on the entire property tax increase.

The case started when Michael T. Kennedy, without an attorney, filed a complaint with the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals.

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