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**Press Release**

**Attorney General Pleased With State Supreme Court Decision Preserving Use Of Subpoenaed Documents In Antitrust Investigations**

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Attorney General Richard Blumenthal today applauded a state Supreme Court decision preserving his office's authority to share with witnesses and others documents subpoenaed in antitrust investigations.

The ruling allows Blumenthal's antitrust investigation into insurance broker Brown & Brown's to resume after a two-year delay. The investigation has been on hold while Brown & Brown fought Blumenthal's subpoenas, claiming that he could not share documents he obtained with witnesses or others.

Blumenthal said he expects Brown & Brown to now comply with his subpoenas and will go to court to enforce them if necessary.

"This ruling preserves and protects a vital tool in uncovering anticompetitive practices that undermine the free market and increase costs to consumers," Blumenthal said. "State law provides my office with clear authority to share subpoenaed documents with witnesses and others in order to conduct antitrust investigations. Brown & Brown's argument clearly contradicted the statute, seeking to hobble and hamstring my office's ability to uncover and uproot anticompetitive activity.

"My office's investigation of Brown & Brown's will now resume. Brown & Brown must swiftly surrender documents we subpoenaed more than two years ago or face more legal action."

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