

competitors of an even playing field. He says he has done that, returning more than \$537 million to the state treasury in 2013 alone.

At the same time, Jepsen promised to adopt a style based

views of social justice and civil rights. He traced the stylistic differences to the many years he spent in the Legislature.

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in prison for a murder that DNA evidence now shows was committed by another man. His lawyer, Rosemarie Paine, of Jacobs &

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Banks Take Shot At Catholic School's Lawsuit

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FIGHT FOR CONTRACTUAL PROVISION LIMITING LIABILITY

By AMARIS ELLIOTT-ENGEL

Nine years ago, the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled that a ski resort couldn't limit its liability through contractual clauses. Now the court has to decide if the banking industry can be permitted to do what the winter recreational industry cannot.

The justices heard oral arguments last month in a case, the banking industry says, could have profound influence on its future financial health. Bank of America is seeking to overturn a \$823,777 verdict returned by a jury that found the financial institution liable for the money a Catholic school employee swindled from the school.

The case begins with Salvatore Licitra, who started out as a part-time bus driver at St. Bernard School of Montville. Over time, his duties expanded to making bank deposits, working on accounts payable and accessing the school's computer system to prepare checks from the school's account. He had access to third-party checks written to the school and blank checks

in the school's name.

Licitra's duties expanded, Bank of America said in court papers, even though the school never ran a background check on him and his criminal record "includes several convictions for forgery, larceny, altering prescriptions, is-

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