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Re: *Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:*
Multnomah County Trial Court Administrator Records

Dear Mr. Birhanzl:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, which we received on May 19, 2004, asks the Attorney General to direct Douglas Bray, the Trial Court Administrator for Multnomah County, to "provide access to and furnish proper and reasonable facilities" for you to inspect the "written procedure pertinent to the processing of Forcible Entry and Detainer Complaints filed with the court." For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition.

The Public Records Law confers a right to inspect any public record of a public body in Oregon, subject to certain exemptions and limitations. *See* ORS 192.420. Any person denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of a public record of a state agency may petition the Attorney General to review the record and determine if it may be withheld. ORS 192.450.

We spoke with Mr. Bray about your petition on May 20th. He told us that he had located the pertinent procedure manual, and that it is available for your review at the Multnomah County Courthouse. He also said that on May 19th he had asked a staff member to notify you of the manual's availability. Additionally, Mr. Bray told us that you may make copies of the relevant portion of the manual at your own expense.

Because Mr. Bray has agreed to provide you with access to review and copy the written procedures pertinent to the processing of Forcible Entry and Detainer Complaints, we deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

PETER D. SHEPHERD
Deputy Attorney General

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c: Douglas Bray, Multnomah County Trial Court Administrator
Bradd Swank, Office of the State Court Administrator