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Duane R. Braatz
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Re: Complaint of Unethical Conduct and Petition for Records

Dear Mr. Braatz:

This office has no authority to pursue charges against members of the Oregon State Bar (Bar) based upon the type of allegations in your letter of October 22. Ethical complaints against lawyers are handled by the Bar. ORS 9.527 et seq.

We are, however, treating your letter as a petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, which we received on October 26, 1992, seeks disclosure of the names and addresses of the complainants and the nature of the complaints filed against Donald E. Johnson, Robert J. Smith and Robert H. Fraser. For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition.

We have spoken with Martha Hicks, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel for the Bar, concerning your request for the above records. According to Ms. Hicks, the Bar has no record of your July 3 request. Ms. Hicks informs us that the Bar is releasing the requested records to you.

Because the Bar has agreed to make the records available to you, we deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

Amy Veranth
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General Counsel Division

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c: Martha M. Hicks, Oregon State Bar