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SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:
Oregon Judicial Department, Fifth Judicial District

Dear Mr. Birhanzl:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petitions for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petitions, which we received on March 7, 2011, ask the Attorney General to order the Fifth Judicial District to produce copies of:

> Public records(s) relating to the existence of a contract between Clackamas County and Multnomah Defenders Inc. a "full-time not-for-profit public defender organization" for the provision of services of attorney Lisa J. Pardini as counsel for William Birhanzl, in Clackamas County Circuit Court **[CR1013564 and CR1013005].**

For the reasons below, we respectfully deny your petitions.

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

On March 8, 2011, we spoke with Mari L. Miller, Trial Court Administrator for the Fifth Judicial District. She advised us that the Fifth Judicial District has no documents that are

pertinent to your requests. Because the Fifth Judicial District has no documents that are pertinent to your requests, we deny your petitions. We suggest that you seek such documents from Multnomah Defenders, Inc. or from the Clackamas Indigent Defense Corporation.

Sincerely,

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c: Nori Cross, Oregon Judicial Department