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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon State Bar
DOJ File Nos.: 993001-GA0138-23 and 993001-GA0139-23

Dear Ms. Volin:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to two petitions submitted by you under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478. Your first petition asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon State Bar (OSB) to disclose the "press release" or "news announcement" you believe OSB issued in June 2018 regarding Lori Deveny. Your petition states that OSB informed you that it had no responsive records. Your second petition asks the Attorney General to order OSB to disclose any Client Security Fund (CSF) claims made against Lori Deveny in 2023. Your petition explains that OSB provided you with some records but expresses your belief that additional responsive records exist.

We contacted Nik Chourey, OSB Deputy General Counsel, regarding your petitions. He explained that OSB does not possess a June 2018 press release or news announcement concerning Lori Deveny. He also explained that your request for CSF claims against Lori Deveny was for the period of January 1, 2023 to July 13, 2023, and that OSB furnished you with the sole claim it received during that period. Mr. Chourey also informed us that in light of your petition, OSB has furnished you with the only additional CSF claim that it has received subsequent to your original records request.

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We have no reason to second-guess Mr. Chourey's representation that OSB does not possess a record responsive to your first request. And because we cannot order the disclosure of records that do not exist, we must respectfully deny your first petition. Similarly, we have no reason to second-guess Mr. Chourey's explanation that OSB furnished you with the only record responsive to your second request. We therefore respectfully deny your second petition because OSB completed its response to that request, and it did not otherwise deny any aspect of the request.

Sincerely,

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