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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Judicial Department and Oregon State Bar
DOJ File No.: 137048-GA0001-23

Dear Ms. Volin:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to a petition filed by you under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.431. Your petition asks us to order either the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) or the Oregon State Bar (OSB) to publish "attorney status changes" on their websites, with monthly updates. Your petition states that OJD made this information freely available to the public on its website until 2022. You argue that the public should not have to affirmatively request information or records that used to be freely available online.

The Public Records Law confers a right to inspect any public record of a public body in Oregon, subject to certain exemptions and limitations. ORS 192.314(1). However, there is no provision in the Public Records Law requiring agencies to create new records in response to a records request or requiring them to publish existing records or information online. *See Attorney General's Public Records and Meetings Manual* at 7 (2019). It follows that there is no provision in the Public Records Law authorizing the Attorney General to order a state agency to create new records or to publish certain information online. Because we lack the authority to grant the relief you seek, we must respectfully dismiss your petition.

Sincerely,

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