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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Judicial Department
DOJ File No.: 198040-GA0105-25

Dear Mr. McNamee:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your petition for disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478. Your petition asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) to provide you with electronic access to public court records or to find that OJD's "current document access policy is an unlawful restriction on access to public records." For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition.

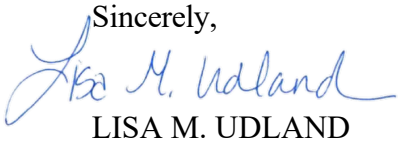
The Public Records Law confers the right to inspect public records in Oregon, unless such records are exempt under ORS 192.338, 192.345, or 192.355. ORS 192.314(1). The law is a disclosure law and exemptions from disclosure must be express. Any person denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy 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 192.411(1). The agency carries the burden to sustain its actions. ORS 192.411(1).

Your petition indicates that you sought access to OJD court records by attempting to subscribe to OJCIN Online. Your petition states that you were denied access to the OJCIN Online database because you are not an attorney.

In response to your petition, we contacted Sam Dupree, Senior Assistant General Counsel for OJD. He stated that OJD did not receive a public records request from you. Mr. Dupree explained that OJD's website details various ways that the public can request and view OJD records and provides an electronic portal for submitting public records requests. Mr. Dupree stated that you did not submit a request via this portal or any other method. Instead, you tried to subscribe to OJCIN Online. Mr. Dupree explained that OJCIN Online is a platform that provides access to court records for certain professionals including attorneys. It is a separate system and not part of OJD's public records process.

OJD complied with Oregon's Public Records Law by publishing a written procedure for making public records requests. ORS 192.324(7).[1] We find that your attempt to subscribe to OJCIN Online was not a request under the Public Records Law because it was not submitted to OJD in accordance with this published procedure. Therefore, OJD had no obligation to respond. *See* ORS 192.324(2). Under these circumstances, we cannot conclude that OJD denied a public records request for the records you seek. Because OJD has not denied a public records request from you, we respectfully deny your petition. ORS 192.411(1) (in general, the Attorney General may order disclosure only when a records request has been denied).

Sincerely,



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[1] OJD's procedure for making public records requests can be found at: Oregon Judicial Department : Records Request : Forms Center : State of Oregon