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Re: **Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order: State Court Administrator Records**

Dear Mr. Ledbury:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, which we received on May 4, 1994, asks the Attorney General to direct the State Court Administrator's office to make available a floppy disk containing the files of opinions as printed in the Oregon Advance Sheets. For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition as moot.

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. The law requires generally that the custodian of public records furnish proper and reasonable opportunities for inspection and/or copying of the record in the office of the custodian. ORS 192.430. 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. ORS 192.450(1).

Upon receipt of your petition, we conferred with Linda Zuckerman, Legal Counsel to the State Court Administrator. She informed us that the Office of the State Court Administrator has agreed to release the records you requested. Someone from the State Court Administrator's office will contact you within the next few days to arrange for providing the requested records to you.

Because the State Court Administrator's office has agreed to provide the records you requested, we have no authority to order the State Court Administrator to make these records available to you. See ORS 192.450. Therefore, we deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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