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Re: Oregon State Bar Records

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This letter responds to your correspondence of October 5, concerning the lack of a response from the Oregon State Bar to your request for copies of Bar files. Enclosed is a copy of a letter to you from Jeffrey Sapiro at the Oregon State Bar, dated October 8, 1992, advising you that copies of disciplinary records on file at the Bar may be obtained at a cost of $.15 per page and suggesting a process by which you might first review the Bar's records to identify those documents you would like copied.

The Oregon State Bar is entitled to charge its actual costs for locating the records and preparing copies. ORS 142.440(3). Since the Bar has not denied your request for copies of its records, the Attorney General has no authority to issue an order compelling disclosure. See ORS 192.450(1).

With respect to your concern that the Bar has not taken any disciplinary action in response to your complaints, there is nothing that this office is able to do for you. Oregon law prohibits the Attorney General from providing legal services to private citizens. ORS 180.060(3). The Attorney General can only provide legal services to state-elected officials, agencies, boards and commissions.

I am sorry that we cannot provide assistance to you, but the Oregon law is quite clear as to what services the Attorney General's office can provide to private citizens.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
c: Jeffrey D. Sapiro, Assistant General Counsel, Oregon State Bar