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| FROM | Law360 Newsroom |
| TO | Robert Samuel White |
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| SUBJECT | **Re: The Attorney General's public records orders** |

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On Thu, Nov 12, 2026 at 11:08 PM Robert Samuel White <rsw@rswfire.com>
wrote:

> Editors:
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> One sentence in my letter of November 12 was imprecise.1 It read: "In
> 273, the agency had never given the answer the law requires of it." The
> number counts the orders the Attorney General's office dismissed as
> "premature." In many of those, the agency should already have reached a
> decision, such as on a fee waiver, and had not. I meant to describe what
> you would find in those orders, and I did not say it well. I have read my
> letter carefully and that was the only sentence in it that needed any
> attention, so please do not use it to reject the rest.
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> Every number in that letter matters, this one included. Each one points at
> something you should be looking at. The replies I received from the press

> today surprised me. The people who wrote them do not seem to grasp what
> they are looking at. They are quick to flatten it and quick to make it
> about me. I reject that arrangement.
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> Now, obviously I did not arrive here in a vacuum. My story is layered and
> I won't let the press flatten that either. It started at a state park, as a
> volunteer, mistreated by the park leadership, then targeted for documenting
> it, then dismissed, displaced from a life I had built from scratch, then
> letter after letter asking for accountability, answered instead by a visit
> from the state police, brought here at the order of a public relations
> captain, and the effort to pry those records free from the state.2 My
> story is layered, and it is also beside the point. I am one person in
> forty-five years of people who have had to navigate the Attorney General's
> practice of the public records law. Mr. Greene and I are the same.
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> When I told the press, the press was silent. I know what to do with
> silence. The state taught me well. My infrastructure is now pointed at the
> integrity of our fourth branch. OpenRecordsOregon.org asks a new question
> <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/FWP0YH0D/Y56H>: what does the press do
> once the pattern in the Attorney General's public records orders can be
> seen? It has its own register, kept the way my public records requests are
> kept. Every letter between me and the press is published there, under the
> publisher of the person it went to, and every response is published in
> full. Nothing there is confidential. Everything you write to me goes on the
> record, unless you ask me to keep it in confidence and doing so would not
> violate an ethic of mine.
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> The orders are not about one petition, one agency, or one year. When a
> state agency refuses a public records request, the person who made it can
> petition the Attorney General, and the agency then has to show it has a
> legal right to withhold the records.3 It is the only place in Oregon
> where a person can make an agency do that without hiring a lawyer and going
> to court. The State of Oregon Law Library publishes 2,674 of the office's
> orders <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/FWP0YH0D/9S65> on those
> petitions, from 1981 to October 2026.4 Of those, 158
> <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/FWP0YH0D/GNZT> told an agency to release
> a record, and the other 2,516
> <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/FWP0YH0D/J7KD> did not.
> Respectfully,
> *Robert Samuel White*

> Public Records Requestor
> rswfire.com <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/FWP0YH0D/N4P0>
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