PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PUBLIC RECORDS ORDERS

TO	Public Records Officer, Oregon Department of Justice
FROM	Robert Samuel White
DATE	November 9, 2026
RE	Public records request under ORS 192.314

To the Public Records Officer, Oregon Department of Justice:

Under ORS 192.314, I request the following public records of the Oregon Department of Justice. They concern what the agency has written, inside the office and to anyone outside it, since November 7, 2026.

Background. The State of Oregon Law Library publishes each of the Attorney General's public records orders as a separate document.[1] I collected all 2,674 of them, from 1981 to October 2026, into one dataset that records how each was decided and whether it ordered a record released.[2] On November 7, 2026, I published the dataset with an analysis of it.[3] The same day, I sent the analysis to David Pitcher, the agency's Public Records Counsel, with eight questions for comment;[4] to the Oregon Sunshine Committee, as a written comment for its meeting of November 18, 2026;[5] to the Public Records Advisory Council, for its report of December 1, 2026;[6] and to Representative David Gomberg.[7] On November 8, 2026, I sent all four the figures with their sources.[8]

Records requested. For the period November 7, 2026, to the date of search:

1. Every email, Microsoft Teams chat or channel message, text message, memorandum, note, and calendar entry sent or received by any employee of the Oregon Department of Justice, including the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, the General Counsel Division, and the Public Records Counsel, that mentions me, Robert Samuel White, or OpenRecordsOregon.org, or that concerns any matter between me and the agency, including my public records requests, petitions, letters, and written comments, and what I have published about the agency and its orders.
2. Every communication between the agency and any person outside it, including the Office of the Governor, the Oregon Sunshine Committee, the Public Records Advisory Council, the Office of the Public Records Advocate, members of the Legislative Assembly and their staff, and members of the news media, about me, Robert Samuel White, or OpenRecordsOregon.org, or about any matter between me and the agency, including my public records requests, petitions, letters, and written comments, and what I have published about the agency and its orders.
3. Every inquiry from a member of the news media received since November 7, 2026, about the Attorney General's public records orders, OpenRecordsOregon.org, or DOJ File No. 291200-GA0185-26, and every response, statement, draft statement, talking point, or briefing prepared in answer.
4. Every record of the agency's review of anything I have published or sent about the Attorney General's public records orders, or of any figure or order in it, including any count, list, spreadsheet, or memorandum prepared in response.
5. Every record concerning the eight questions I put to Mr. Pitcher on November 7, 2026, including any draft of an answer.

6. Every record of a change, proposed or made since November 7, 2026, to how the agency decides, words, or publishes public records orders, or sends them to the State of Oregon Law Library.

The search. Please provide, with the records, the records the search itself produces: the log, report, or audit trail that the system or tool used to search creates, showing what was searched, the terms and date range applied, when the search ran, who ran it, and what it returned. That record is the minimum standard of care for any search for public records, and the record of this search is part of this request. If no records are found for any item, please provide the record of the search that found none.

Format and correspondence. Under ORS 192.324(3), please provide records in their native electronic format with metadata intact, by email or secure link, on a rolling basis as they are ready. Please conduct all correspondence about this request by email, including acknowledgments, estimates, and payment instructions. Under ORS 192.324(1), this letter is a complete written request. It does not need to be resubmitted on a form.

Exemptions. For any record or portion withheld, please identify the record, the specific exemption claimed, and how it applies to that record (ORS 192.329, 192.338). Please segregate and release nonexempt portions. A communication with a person outside the agency is not an attorney-client communication. If you claim privilege for any record, please identify the client, the attorney, and the legal advice sought.

Timeline. Please acknowledge this request within five business days and give an estimated completion date as required by ORS 192.324 and 192.329.

Preservation. Please preserve all records responsive to this request while it and any petition for review are pending.

Respectfully,

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Sources

1. Attorney General's Public Records Orders, State of Oregon Law Library. https://cdm17027.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p17027coll2
2. Petitions, OpenRecordsOregon.org: every order, with how it was decided. https://openrecordsoregon.org/petitions/
3. "The Attorney General Is the Last Stop Before Court," OpenRecordsOregon.org, November 7, 2026. https://openrecordsoregon.org/newsroom/last-stop-before-court/
4. My letter to David Pitcher, Public Records Counsel, November 7, 2026. https://openrecordsoregon.org/record/correspondence/01M6VSKTM0WJ36KPVH2ZSJEGAJ/
5. My written comment to the Oregon Sunshine Committee, November 7, 2026. https://openrecordsoregon.org/record/correspondence/01M6WCQ35GM6G9CM8BTRJKA44K/
6. My letter to the Public Records Advisory Council, November 7, 2026. https://openrecordsoregon.org/record/correspondence/01M6WKK36R74HGE25G4RV5XMRK/
7. My letter to Representative David Gomberg, November 7, 2026. https://openrecordsoregon.org/record/correspondence/01M6WV2W20XM2FWFVGSWWY6687/

8. My letter to David Pitcher, the Oregon Sunshine Committee, the Public Records Advisory Council, and Representative David Gomberg, November 8, 2026. https://openrecordsoregon.org/record/correspondence/01M6XA3VN8BD96JZP00WQ74QWB/