



Judicial Council of Georgia
Administrative Office of the Courts

Marla S. Moore
Director

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Mr. William M. Windsor
3924 Lower Roswell Road
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Re: Open Records Request

Dear Mr. Windsor:

Our office is in receipt of your Open Records Act request about all documents “related to Complaint 2011-31” and “related to all complaints received by the Judicial Council of Georgia in 2012, 2011, and 2012.”

In response to your first request, I have attached a copy of the complete case file from the Board of Court Reporting for Complaint 2011-31, which is being provided to you pursuant to Article 12.C.4 (“Confidentiality”) of the Rules and Regulations of the Board.

Addressing your second request for “documents” from the Judicial Council relating to any complaints filed with the Board of Court Reporting that may have been “received by the Judicial Council” in 2011 and 2012, please see the documents located at www.georgiacourts.org in the section labeled, “Judicial Council of Georgia.”

The remainder of your request for “documents” is denied as O.C.G.A. §15-14-33(g)(2), prohibits the release of additional “documents” to you relating to the confidential investigations by the Board of Court Reporting. Furthermore, the Open Records laws do not apply to entities which make up the Judicial Branch of State Government which includes the Board and the Judicial Council. *See*, Op. Att’y Gen. 79-25 citing the United States Supreme Court’s decision in Sams v. Olah, 225 Ga. 497, cert den., 397 U.S. 914 (1969); *See also*, Fathers Are Parents Too v. Hunstein, 202 Ga. App. 716, 717 (1992).

This voluntary production of the enclosed documents does not legally bind the Judicial Branch’s ability to assert that the Act does not apply to it in the future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Clanton
General Counsel

CHC/tbm

Enclosure