



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 10, 2019

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Matthew Hardin  
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request  
2019 FOIA 057524

Dear Mr. Hardin:

Thank you for writing to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General with your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (West 2016)).

Attached to an April 3, 2019, e-mail was your request for the following:

[(1)] [A]ny common interest agreement, contingency fee or other fee agreement, and/or and any retainer agreement and/or engagement agreements, entered into by your Office at any time in 2018 and/or 2019 with, or otherwise including as a party, a) New York University or any school, component, or Center thereof (e.g., New York University School of law, NYU State Energy & Environmental Impact Center, or the like), and/ or b) any law firm or other entity that includes in its name: i) Edling and/or ii) Earth.

RESPONSE: This portion of your request is granted in part and denied in part. We have withheld no records. However, we have redacted unique identifiers as "private information," as that term is defined in section 2(c-5) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/2(c-5) (West 2016)). "Private information" is exempt from disclosure under section 7(1)(b) of FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) (West 2017 Supp.). Specifically, we have redacted signatures. *See* Ill. Att'y Gen. PAC Req. Rev. Ltr. 12046, issued June 23, 2011.

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You have a right to have the partial denial of this portion of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a) (West 2016). You may file your request for review with the PAC by writing to:

Sarah Pratt  
Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Illinois Attorney General  
500 South 2nd Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Fax: (217) 782-1396  
publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

If you choose to file a request for review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this partial denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a) (West 2016). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and of this partial denial letter when filing a request for review with the PAC.

You also have the right to judicial review of your partial denial by filing suit in the appropriate Illinois court. 5 ILCS 140/11 (West 2016).

In your e-mail received on April 3, 2019, you also requested:

[(2)] [A] copy of your Office's record retention policy.

RESPONSE: It is unclear from your request whether you are seeking the record retention policies related to the records requested in your e-mail or other records of this office. Please advise in greater detail the records you are requesting from this office, and we will make every effort to assist you.

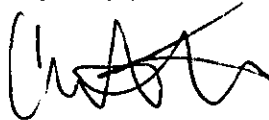
Finally, in your e-mail received on April 3, 2019, you requested:

[(3)] [C]opies of any invoices received by your office from any entity including in its name "Wickr", including but not limited to "Wickr Inc".

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RESPONSE: Please be advised that this office has conducted a search of its records, and we have located no records responsive to this portion of your request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Knutte", written over a horizontal line.

CAITLIN Q. KNUTTE  
Assistant Attorney General  
Senior FOIA Officer

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Attachment