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Dear Ms. Downey:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 666610 (PIR No. 17-46646).

The Office of the Attorney General (the "OAG") received a request for information pertaining to attorneys handling specified types of cases during specified time periods, including a specified case. The OAG states it released some information. The OAG claims the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.107 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exception and reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.¹

Section 552.107(2) of the Government Code provides information is excepted from disclosure if "a court by order has prohibited disclosure of the information." Gov't Code § 552.107(2). The OAG states, and the submitted documentation reflects, the information at issue was filed with courts *in camera* and remains under seal. Based on your representations and our review, we agree courts by orders have prohibited disclosure of the

¹We assume the representative sample of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). This open records letter does not reach, and therefore does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent that those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

submitted information. Accordingly, the OAG must withhold the submitted information under section 552.107(2) of the Government Code.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

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(w/o enclosures)