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Mr. Nicholas Klitzing
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
2015 FOIA 035812

Dear Mr. Klitzing:

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 2014)).

In an e-mail received on June 16, 2015, you requested "copies of any and all documents or records, including but not limited to electronic documents, e-mails, or paper documents, related to the below requests:"

(1) The name and respective salaries of each attorney in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General who has worked on Butler and Goins v. Duckworth and Simms in the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in Union County, IL (2009-L-2)[.]

RESPONSE: Please be advised that the State's interests in *Butler v. Duckworth*, No. 09 L 2 (Circuit Court, Union County) have been represented by the following four Assistant Attorneys General: Assistant Attorney General Scott Sievers, Assistant Attorney General Joshua Grant, Assistant Attorney General Deborah Barnes, and Assistant Attorney General Dylan Grady. Please note that Scott Sievers and Joshua Grant are no longer employees of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General.

At the time of their resignations from this office, Scott Sievers' salary was \$67,008 and Joshua Grant's salary was \$62,508. Assistant Attorney General Deborah Barnes' salary is currently \$88,452 and Assistant Attorney General Dylan Grady's salary is currently \$58,656.

Your e-mail received on June 16, 2015, also requests:

(2) The number of hours worked by each attorney in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General on *Butler and Goins v. Duckworth and Simms*.[.]

RESPONSE: Please be advised that this office has conducted a search, and we have located no records responsive to this portion of your request. Assistant Attorneys General typically do not track the hours that they work on a particular case.

Finally, your June 16, 2015, e-mail requests:

(3) The total amount of taxpayer funds that have been used defending Congresswoman Duckworth in the lawsuit *Butler and Goins v. Duckworth and Simms*.

RESPONSE: Please be advised that this office has conducted a search, and we have located no records responsive to this portion of your request. When Assistant Attorneys General handle the representation of the State's interests in a case, this office does not bill the State agency involved in the case for attorney time. Generally, a State agency incurs legal fees only when it is necessary to retain private legal counsel, or Special Assistant Attorneys General, to represent the State's interests.

Please note that in *Butler v. Duckworth*, the State's interests have also been represented by a Special Assistant Attorney General. At the request of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, a Special Assistant Attorney General was appointed to represent Defendant Patricia Simms. However, this office does not maintain or possess records related to fees incurred by the Special Assistant Attorney General in defending Ms. Simms. Special Assistant Attorneys General are appointed at the request of a State Officer or State agency. Accordingly, records related to the legal fees incurred by Special Assistant Attorneys General would be maintained by the requesting officer or agency.

Very truly yours,



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