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The Honorable Henry Wade
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Open Records Decision No. 131

Re: Employment applica-
tions submitted to judges.

Dear Mr. Wade:

The Commissioner's Court of Dallas County has received a request for copies of all employment applications of persons who applied for the position of Court Co-ordinator for the criminal courts of Dallas County.

You advise that the employment applications requested were filed with the judges of the criminal courts, all interviews were conducted by the judges, and the selection of an employee to fill the position in question was done by the judges.

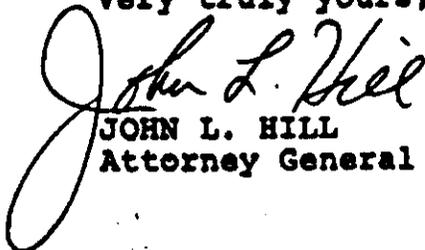
The Open Records Act is applicable to those governmental bodies defined in section 2 of the Act. Section 2(1)(G) expressly excludes the judiciary from the definition of governmental body. Since this information was collected, assembled and is maintained by the judiciary, the Open Records Act is not applicable.

In view of this determination, it is unnecessary for us to reach the question of whether information of this type held by a governmental body subject to the Act might be excepted from disclosure under section 3(a)(2) or some other exception of the Act.

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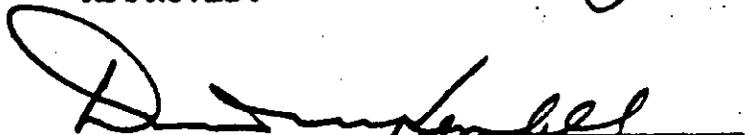
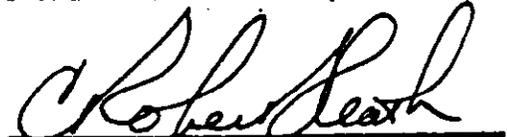
In view of our authority under section 7 we do not address any question relating to the availability of the information in a judicial proceeding. But see Attorney General Opinion H-231 (1974); Open Records Decision No. 111 (1975). Cf. Kerr v. United States District Court for Northern District of California, 511 F.2d 192 (9th Cir. 1975), cert. granted 421 U.S. 987 (1975); Verrazzo Trading Corp. v. United States, 349 F.Supp. 1401, 1403 (Cust. Ct. 1972).

Very truly yours,



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