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Mr. M. B. Donaldson, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Donaldson:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 8331; this decision is OR90-048.

You have been asked for a list of all attorneys and law firms that have been involved in litigation with Aldine I.S.D. within the past three years, including those that opposed the school district, as well as those that acted in the district's behalf. You state that this information is maintained in thousands of litigation files in the possession of the attorneys and law firms that perform professional services for the school district, and that the creation of the list would take a considerable amount of time.

The Open Records Act applies only to information in existence, and does not require the governmental body to prepare new information. Open Records Decision Nos. 342 (1982); 87 (1975); see also V.T.C.S. art. 6252-17a, § 3(d). You are not required to create such a list in response to this request. If, however, some of the information is available in public records such as payment vouchers the requestor may examine those records and create his own list.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a

published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-048.

Yours very truly,



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Opinion Committee

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Enclosure: Open Records Decision Nos. 342, 87

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