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Dear Mr. Ross:

You have asked this office whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Open Records Act (the "act"), article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 19543.

The City of Lubbock Municipal Court received an open records request for a list "of individuals ticketed for moving violations by the City of Lubbock." You state that the city does not compile such a list. In addition, you argue that "the citations or tickets, from which such list would have to be prepared, are records of the Municipal Court" and thus are not subject to the act.

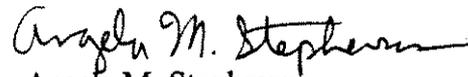
Section 2(1) of the Open Records Act defines the "governmental bodies" that are subject to the act. Section 2(1)(H) specifically provides that "the Judiciary is not included within this definition." Consequently, records of the judiciary do not fall within the ambit of the act. *See, e.g.*, Open Records Decision Nos. 535 (1989); 274 (1981). We therefore conclude that any records of the Municipal Court that would be responsive to the request described above are not subject to the act.¹

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

¹We note that such records may be subject to other statutory or common law rights of inspection. *See* Local Gov't Code § 191.006; Attorney General Opinion DM-166 (1992).

open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact this office.

Yours very truly,



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