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Dear Ms. Rabe:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 35744.

The Municipal Court of Georgetown (the "court") received an open records request for a list of students who were issued citations at Georgetown High School for public intoxication and possession of alcohol on August 25, 1995. You inquire on behalf of the court whether the requested records must be released to the public.

Section 552.003 of the Government Code defines the entities that constitute "governmental bodies" under the act. Subsection 552.003(1)(B) specifically excludes the judiciary from the terms of the act. Consequently, records of the court do not fall within the ambit of the Open Records Act. *See, e.g.,* Open Records Decision Nos. 274 (1981), 25 (1974).

Because the authority of this office to render open records decisions is limited to determinations as to whether requested information held by "governmental bodies" falls within the act's exceptions from required public disclosure, we are not authorized by the act to instruct the court as to the right of access to its records. Consequently, we cannot further assist you in this matter.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous

determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,



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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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