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Dear Ms. Hale:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code, the Public Information Act (the "Act"). Your request was assigned ID# 459347 (PIR No. 12-33410).

The Office of the Attorney General (the "OAG") received a request for a portion of the list of names sent to certain lawyers and information regarding said lawyers. The OAG released the latter portion of the request and asserts the former is excepted from public disclosure under section 552.107(2) of the Government Code.

Section 552.107(2) provides information is excepted from disclosure if "a court by order has prohibited disclosure of the information." Gov't Code § 552.107(2). The OAG argues a court has prohibited disclosure of the information at issue. The OAG submitted the court order, which prohibits disclosure of the requested information and provides the order applies to the OAG. Furthermore, the order remains in effect. Thus, we conclude the OAG must withhold the requested information pursuant to section 552.107(2).

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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