

Shawnna Rule

From: Todd Hellriegel
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 12:51 PM
To: Shawnna Rule
Subject: Fw: FOIA request from Judiciocracy LLC and COGS – Series 1 – February 7, 2026
Attachments: MC-Copier@midwestcentral.org_20260210_123921.pdf; Re_FOIA_request_from_Judiciocracy_LLC_and_COGS_-_Series_1_-_February_7,_2026.zip

Shawnna,
Please put in the February BOE meeting.
Todd

From: Todd Hellriegel <toddh@midwestcentral.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 12:49 PM
To: foia@judiciocracy.com <foia@judiciocracy.com>
Subject: Re: FOIA request from Judiciocracy LLC and COGS – Series 1 – February 7, 2026

Hello,
We are in receipt of your recent FOIA. With regard to your questions see below in Red.

1) All bills from external attorneys or law firms for the year 2024, and through July 18, 2025 for 2025.

These are attached.

2) All engagement agreements with attorneys or law firms affiliated with any of the legal bills for the time period in item #1.

We have no documents responsive to your request.

3) All other engagement agreements with attorneys or law firms executed in 2024 and in 2025 through July 18, 2025 not affiliated with any legal bills produced in item #1.

We have no documents responsive to your request.

4) Documents showing any and all attorneys or legal professionals (attorneys, law firms, law clerks, paralegals and the like) who appeared on behalf of, represented, advised, or otherwise counseled the entity in 2024, and for 2025 through July 18, 2025.

See <https://mhtlaw.com/our-firm/attorneys/>

Thanks,
Todd

From: foia@judiciocracy.com <foia@judiciocracy.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 7, 2026 12:15 AM
To: Todd Hellrigel <toddh@midwestcentral.org>
Subject: FOIA request from Judiciocracy LLC and COGS – Series 1 – February 7, 2026

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To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from Judiciocracy, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs.

We are not only writing on behalf of Judiciocracy LLC but also our affiliate organization the Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy. We are requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

- 1) All bills from external attorneys or law firms for the year 2024, and through July 18, 2025 for 2025.
- 2) All engagement agreements with attorneys or law firms affiliated with any of the legal bills for the time period in item #1.
- 3) All other engagement agreements with attorneys or law firms executed in 2024 and in 2025 through July 18, 2025 not affiliated with any legal bills produced in item #1.
- 4) Documents showing any and all attorneys or legal professionals (attorneys, law firms, law clerks, paralegals and the like) who appeared on behalf of, represented, advised, or otherwise counseled the entity in 2024, and for 2025 through July 18, 2025.

Please let us know if you have any questions not answered on COGS' website, or by contacting COGS' attorneys whose contact information can be found at FOIASolved.com (a division of LegalSolved LLC).

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Judiciocracy LLC

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As a member of the media, I am involved in gathering and reporting news to the public. Access to public records is essential for me to fulfill my professional responsibilities, which include holding public institutions accountable and providing transparency to the public. Given my role in disseminating information, I believe I am eligible for a fee waiver as a media professional.

Please Note: The requestor is a member of The Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy, a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Missouri Corporation which assists news media companies, publications, and public advocacy groups investigate state and federal governmental agencies and leverages Freedom of Information and Sunshine Laws to pull back the curtain on government actions and help inform the American electorate. For more information, please visit <https://stopsecrecy.org/about/>

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Max Binnington,
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