



## Fwd: FOIA request from Judiciocracy LLC and COGS - Series1b - November 18, 2025

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Megerle, Jodi <jmegerle@rtsd26.org>

Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 1:31 PM

To: Patricia Reyes <preyes@rtsd26.org>, Ryan Berry <rberry@rtsd26.org>

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From: <foia@judiciocracy.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 12:02 PM

Subject: FOIA request from Judiciocracy LLC and COGS - Series1b - November 18, 2025

To: <jmegerle@rtsd26.org>

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. I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

- Contracts, retainer agreements, fee agreements, or engagement letters between the district and the law firm of Robbins Schwartz and/or Franczek and/or any law firm from January 1, 2020 to present;
- Invoices, bills, proformas, or payment records from Robbins Schwartz and/or Franczek and/or any law firm to the district or behalf of the district from January 1, 2020 to present;
- Correspondence between the district and Robbins Schwartz and/or Franczek and/or any law firm regarding any matter not protected by attorney client privilege including but not limited to litigation, pre-litigation advice, or claim management from January 1, 2020 to present;
- Contracts, retainer agreements, fee agreements, or engagement letters between the district and any law firm from January 1, 2020 to present;
- Civil litigation case files, complaints, answers, motions, and pleadings in which the district was a party from January 1, 2020 to present;
- Litigation guidelines and protocols from January 1, 2020 to present;

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,

Judiciocracy

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Cc: Patricia Reyes <preyes@rtsd26.org>

Mon, Dec 22, 2025 at 1:32 PM

Good afternoon,

Below are the responses to your foia request in **red**. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,  
Ryan Berry

On Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 1:31 PM Megerle, Jodi <jmegerle@rtsd26.org> wrote:

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