



Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

records request: Jason Besler, Michael Jacobsen, Wyatt Peterson

Bettini, Christina <christina.bettini@iowa.gov>
To: Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 1:18 PM

Laurie,

I am working through the stages of printing and redacting. The thing that is taking the vast majority of time to go through is the letters of recommendation that our office had received for the judicial positions. If those are irrelevant to what you are looking for in this request I can take them out of the search, which would help get the rest of the search into your hands much faster. I am very happy to continue moving forward with the request as is, including the letters of recommendation, but wanted to run that by you as an option.

Thanks,
Christina

On Mon, Jul 30, 2018 at 12:01 PM, Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com> wrote:

Hello Christina,

Circling back on this request. When can I expect to receive the records? Is Colin Smith back in the office yet?

Thanks,

Laurie

On Tue, Jul 17, 2018 at 4:27 PM, Bettini, Christina <christina.bettini@iowa.gov> wrote:

Laurie,

We will continue to move forward.

Thanks,
Christina

On Tue, Jul 17, 2018 at 3:10 PM, Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com> wrote:

Yes, I would like to move forward with the request. Thanks in advance.

On Tue, Jul 17, 2018 at 3:07 PM, Bettini, Christina <christina.bettini@iowa.gov> wrote:

Colin has not left the governor's staff.Thanks,
Christina

On Tue, Jul 17, 2018 at 1:26 PM, Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com> wrote:

Forgot to ask: has Colin Smith left the governor's staff? He's been "out of the office" for some time now.

On Tue, Jul 17, 2018 at 12:22 PM, Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com> wrote:

Christina, I don't want to narrow the search.

Why would it take so many hours to review that number of electronic records?

Laurie

On Tue, Jul 17, 2018 at 11:23 AM, Bettini, Christina <christina.bettini@iowa.gov> wrote:
Hi Laurie,

We have a rough estimate of 568 electronic records pertaining this request, which would estimate the cost to be approximately \$169.

In light of this, are you interested in continuing forward with the initial search or are you interested in narrowing your search?

Thanks,
Christina

On Thu, Jul 12, 2018 at 2:25 PM, Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com> wrote:
Hello Christina,

Confirming scope of the search. Thank you in advance.

Laurie

On Thu, Jul 12, 2018 at 11:38 AM, Bettini, Christina <christina.bettini@iowa.gov> wrote:
Hi Laurie,

Colin is currently out of the office so I am helping cover a few things. Our office received your request on July 9, 2018. It is my understanding you requested we search the information below, unless you provide other terms:

1. From May 20, 2018 to present, any correspondence sent or received by Governor Reynolds or staff in the governor's office containing the words "Ramsey-Kacena" or "Besler" or "Judicial District 6".

We will search Governor Reynolds and governor's office records for the following terms during that timeframe:

"Ramsey-Kacena"

"Besler"

"Judicial District 6"

2. From May 22, 2018 to present, any correspondence between Patrick Grady and Governor Reynolds or staff in the governor's office between Patrick Grady.

We will search Governor Reynolds or governor's office staff records for any correspondence between Patrick Grady and during that timeframe.

3. From June 21, 2018, any correspondence from the governor's office to the Secretary of State's office regarding Governor Reynolds appointing Jason Besler as a District Court Judge.

We will search governor's office staff records for any correspondence being sent to the Secretary of State's office during that timeframe containing:

"Jason Besler"

4. Any written record that would reveal the date on which Governor Reynolds sent the attached letter to Jason Besler.

5. From May 20 to present, any correspondence sent or received by Governor Reynolds or staff in the governor's office containing the words "Jacobsen" or "Judicial District 5A".

We will search Governor Reynolds and governor's office records for the following terms during that timeframe:

"Jacobsen"

"Judicial District 5A"

6. From June 21, 2018 to present, a copy of any correspondence from the governor's office to Michael Jacobsen and to the Secretary of State's office regarding Governor Reynolds appointing Michael Jacobsen as District Court Judge.

We will search governor's office staff records to Michael Jacobsen regarding Governor Reynolds appointing him as District Court Judge. We will also search governor's office staff records for any correspondence being sent to the Secretary of State's office during that timeframe containing:

"Michael Jacobsen"

7. From May 20, 2018 to present, any correspondence sent or received by Governor Reynolds or staff in the governor's office containing the words "Wyatt Peterson" or "Judicial District 8B"

We will search Governor Reynolds and governor's office records for the following terms during that timeframe:

"Wyatt Peterson"

"Judicial District 8B"

8. From June 27, 2018 to present, a copy of any correspondence from the governor's office to Wyatt Peterson and to the Secretary of State's office regarding Governor Reynolds appointing Wyatt Peterson as District Court Judge.

We will search governor's office staff records to Wyatt Peterson regarding Governor Reynolds appointing him as District Court Judge. We will also search governor's office staff records for any correspondence being sent to the Secretary of State's office during that timeframe containing:

"Wyatt Peterson"

Please confirm the scope of your search.

Thanks,
Christina

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From: **Smith, Colin** <colin.smith@iowa.gov>

Date: Thu, Jul 12, 2018 at 10:27 AM

Subject: Fwd: records request: Jason Besler, Michael Jacobsen, Wyatt Peterson

To: Christina Bettini <christina.bettini@iowa.gov>

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From: **Laura Belin** <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Thu, Jul 12, 2018 at 9:46 AM

Subject: Fwd: records request: Jason Besler, Michael Jacobsen, Wyatt Peterson

To: "Smith, Colin [IGOV]" <Colin.Smith@iowa.gov>

Hello Colin,

I know you were out of the office last week. Circling back to confirm that you received my latest records request.

Thanks,

Laurie

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From: **Laura Belin** <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 6, 2018 at 12:01 PM

Subject: records request: Jason Besler, Michael Jacobsen, Wyatt Peterson

To: "Smith, Colin [IGOV]" <Colin.Smith@iowa.gov>

Dear Colin,

Under Iowa Code Chapter 22, I request:

1. All written correspondence from May 20 to the present (including but not limited to e-mails, mailed letters, faxes, text messages, and internal memos) sent or received by Governor Reynolds or by staff in the governor's office containing the words "Ramsey-Kacena" or "Besler" or "Judicial District 6."
2. All written correspondence from May 22 to the present (including but not limited to e-mails, mailed letters, faxes, and text messages) between Patrick Grady and either Governor Reynolds or any staff in the governor's office.
3. A copy of any letter, fax, e-mail, or other written communication from the governor's office to the Secretary of State's office on any day from June 21, 2018 to the present regarding Governor Reynolds appointing Jason Besler as a District Court judge.

4. Any written record that would reveal the date on which Governor Reynolds sent the attached letter to Jason Besler.
5. All written correspondence from May 20 to the present (including but not limited to e-mails, mailed letters, faxes, text messages, and internal memos) sent or received by Governor Reynolds or by staff in the governor's office containing the words "Jacobsen" or "Judicial District 5A."
6. A copy of any letter, fax, e-mail, or other written communication from the governor's office to Michael Jacobsen and to the Secretary of State's office on any day from June 21, 2018 to the present regarding Governor Reynolds appointing Michael Jacobsen as a District Court judge.
7. All written correspondence from May 20 to the present (including but not limited to e-mails, mailed letters, faxes, text messages, and internal memos) sent or received by Governor Reynolds or by staff in the governor's office containing the words "Wyatt Peterson" or "Judicial District 8B."
8. A copy of any letter, fax, e-mail, or other written communication from the governor's office to Wyatt Peterson and to the Secretary of State's office on any day from June 27, 2018 to the present regarding Governor Reynolds appointing Wyatt Peterson as a District Court judge.

I am aware of your office charging policy.

To minimize printing and photocopying costs on your end, I request that any responsive records be provided in electronic format.

Thanks in advance.

Yours,

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