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Ellen Leonida
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Sent Via Email-Only to: leonida@braunhagey.com

Re: California Public Records Act request dated July 23, 2021

Dear Ms. Leonida,


I am writing in response to your request for records under the California Public Records Act sent via mail and email on July 23, 2021. I received this matter on July 29, 2021. In your letter you made the following request: any updated materials responsive to your two prior request from May 13, 2019 and July 29, 2019. Additionally, you are requesting policies regarding diversion eligibility, custody or bail recommendations, charging recommendations, compliance with Brady, jury selection, sentencing recommendations, prosecution of minors, parole recommendations, pardon and commutation recommendations, reports to the State Bar relating to prosecutorial misconduct, data collection of demographic data of defendants and victims and referral of cases for federal prosecution. You are also seeking policies and materials relating to trainings that are mandatory or optional for prosecutors, jury selection, bias or racism, or presentation of social media evidence. Further, you are requesting documents concerning the Racial Justice Act, implementation and compliance with, communications concerning the Act or training relating to the same. Finally, your are seeking any investigation into Batson-wheeler motions, including motions filed, motions granted, internal training and/or discipline or reports to the State Bar relating to the same.

I am searching for any responsive or existing records that may not be exempt from disclosure. Once I locate any documents, I will need to review them to determine if any are exempt due to work-product or a deliberative process exemption. Due to the need to look through any documents that may exist and due to the nature of some of your categories or record requests, I am requesting a 14-day extension of time for my response so that I can review all responsive records to determine whether any valid exemptions apply.

I anticipate providing a more complete response no later than August 16, 2021. If you wish to speak with me, you can reach me at 661-868-6842.

Sincerely,

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