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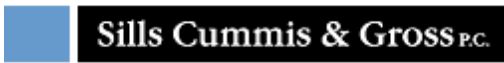
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Danielle,

Thanks for answering my questions about the content of the program. Accordingly, I have attached a copy of the OPRA Update I used at the November League conference, together with the following description:

The seminar will include a review of recent OPRA and common law right of access court and GRC decisions (see attached) to be updated prior to the seminar date. Registrants will be invited to submit questions in advance for the lecturers to respond to. Questions will also be taken directly at the seminar.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Kindest regards,

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To: Carl Woodward <@>; Caruso, Frank <Frank.Caruso@dca.nj.gov>

Subject: Following Up on OPRA Seminar For NJLM -April 15, 2020

Importance: High

Good Afternoon Carl and Frank,

I am following up on a conversation we had in December regarding an OPRA seminar on April 15, 2020 at the Doubletree Hotel in Tinton Falls from 9:00am-12:30pm.

We are looking at doing a similar program to what you did at the November Conference along with resubmitted questions from the audience. Could you both give me a write up of what you plan to speak about? You can indicate what OPRA Decisions or Court cases you plan to discuss. I will need this by as soon as possible so I can get everything submitted for credits.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you so much!

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Lori,

Here is Maureen's OPRA paper. You recall that you guided her and I think this came out very nicely. I'd love to see this published in a League Magazine – I'm sure she can edit it to length.

Anyway, I wanted you to see her end product. I'm very proud of her work and hope we can share it with the rest of the municipal world.

Matt

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Danielle,

For Wed Nov 20 OPRA session

Thanks
Lori

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Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 11:52 AM
To: Lori Buckelew; Caruso, Frank
Subject: RE: NJLM Conference - Recent OPRA Decisions

Lori,

Frank and I have spoken about our presentation next week. As in the past, I am enclosing the case summaries I will be referring to in the presentation. I think that the League may make them available online. If so, please feel free to do so.

Kindest regards,

Carl Woodward

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To: Carl Woodward <[xxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx](#)>; Caruso, Frank <[Frank.Caruso@dca.nj.gov](#)>
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Carl and Frank,

I had the wrong session open in my book when I sent the email below.
The *Recent OPRA Decision* conference session is Wednesday, November 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Sorry for any confusion.

Lori

From: Lori Buckelew
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 12:00 PM
To: 'Carl Woodward'; Caruso, Frank
Subject: NJLM Conference - Recent OPRA Decisions

Carl and Frank,

Thank you for agreeing to be panelist on the Wednesday, November 20, 9:00 a.m. *Recent OPRA Decisions* conference session. As we quickly approach the conference I am reaching out go over a few items.

First, as reminder, the conference session room will include a head table with appropriate number of chairs, lectern with microphone, and a microphone in the center aisle for question and answers. **If you wish to do a PowerPoint presentation please let me know no later than October 30.** The League will arrange for a table and screen. **You will need to bring your own projector, laptop, and 20' extension cord.** You can order projectors, electrical extension cords, and internet connections from the Convention Center for a fee.

If you are doing a PowerPoint presentation please send me a copy so we can post it to the web for folks to access at the conference.

If you would like a conference call before the session with the other members of the panel, all of whom are copied on this email, please let me know and I can facilitate a conference call.

As always, if you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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From: John Donnadio
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 11:27 AM
Subject: OPRA OPMA Legislation

Good morning. I hope all is well. In the spirit of openness and transparency, the Senate Budget and Appropriations just added the OPRA and OPMA bills to the Committee's 2:00 agenda this afternoon. With this in mind, I was hoping you could provide me with some additional information. We plan on testifying that the typical staff of the county clerk of the board is between 3-4 employees, county governments process between 250 to 3000 record requests each year, and county clerks of the board and county administrators generally serve as custodians of records. Would you mind estimating how long it typically takes to process an OPRA request? I believe that sharing this information would be helpful in summarizing the burden the legislation would impose on local governing bodies. Thank you as always for your time and consideration, and

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From: John Donnadio
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 9:19 AM
Subject: OPRA OPMA Legislation

Good morning. I hope all is well.

On Thursday, the Senate will consider legislation that would make changes to the Open Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act. Although NJAC is a strong proponent of openness and transparency in government and appreciates the fact that these bills intend to modernize the government records process and authorize local governing bodies to impose surcharges on commercial entities under certain circumstance, the bills would impose an undue burden on local governing bodies that would significantly impact daily operations, staff time, and resources. With this in mind, please contact your legislative delegation and share with them our long-standing concerns with this sweeping legislation. I've attached NJAC's position statement for your review of which provides a *general overview* of county practices and procedures. Please note that this legislation would not apply to the State Legislature, which held a committee hearing on the package of bills on Monday without providing adequate notice and considered forgoing public testimony. Thank you as always for your time and consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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From: Galland, Kevin
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2019 7:02 PM
To: 'xxxxxxxx@xxxx.xx'
Subject: FW: Updated OPRA Amendments

Thank you Shane and please thank the Senator for me. The revision is certainly a compromise and that's what makes our meetings worthwhile.

As you are aware I believe the proposed Committee should take on this task now, but a 24 month delay needs to be seen as a half-a-loft is better than none.

Best regards and enjoy your summer,

Kevin Galland

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From: Mitchell, Shane [<mailto:xxxxxxxx@xxxx.x>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2019 4:18 PM
To: Galland, Kevin
Subject: Updated OPRA Amendments

Hey Kevin,

Hope you're doing well! As mentioned, we're putting in a study commission to review the law and make recommendations. Otherwise, this should be the same as the last document I sent. Senator Weinberg is going to try to move this through Senate Budget Committee this month (perhaps as early as the 13th), but is not going to try to move the bill on the floor until at least the fall.

Happy to discuss any time!

Best,

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Kevin

As we discussed...

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Michaëlle,

It was a pleasure speaking with you earlier today on the OPRA and OPMA bills. Following up on our conversation attached please find:

- NJLM Letter to Senators on S-106 & S-107
- Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey letter to Senators on S-106 & S-107
- Finale Report of the Privacy Study Commission
- Privacy Study Commission Report on Home Addresses & Phone Numbers
- Privacy Study Commission Public Hearing Transcript

The contact information for Immediate Past President of the Municipal Clerks Association Kevin Galland, Woodland Park Municipal Clerk, is 973-345-8100 x100 or xxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xx

The legislation creating the OPRA Study Commission is A4894.

If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lori

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FYI, attached is the summary of OPRA to reflect the SBA amendments.
The SBA amendments are in **red**.

If you have any questions or need additional information please let me know.

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Mayor,

10am works for me. In the meantime, I am attaching a copy of my notes that summarizes each section of the bill that is up to date to include the Sen Budget and Appropriations Committee amendments. I am also attaching a detail position piece on subcommittees. I am working for one on the other issues.

In the meantime, please call or email me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Lori

From: Gary Passanante [mailto:xxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 1:54 PM
To: Michael F. Cerra; Lori Buckelew
Subject: FW: Follow-up OPRA Requests

Mike/Lori,

I got the attached through my clerk who is the VP for the Clerk's Association. Not sure if you saw this.

I suggest we meet at your office before the 11:00 am meeting on Thursday to discuss a strategy. How about I be there at 10:00 am? We can walk over together if that works for you.

Thanks

From: Michele Miller <miller@xxx.xxx>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 1:40 PM
To: Gary Passanante <passanante@xxx.xxx>
Subject: Fwd: Follow-up OPRA Requests

Michele D. Miller, RMC
Municipal Clerk
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Galland, Kevin" <galland@xxx.xxx>
Date: June 25, 2019 at 12:57:20 PM EDT
To: Michele Miller <miller@xxx.xxx>
Subject: RE: Follow-up OPRA Requests

Michele,

Please see the attached letter that was sent to all of the State Senators on June 19th.

Kevin Galland

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From: Michele Miller [mailto:xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 12:02 PM
To: Galland, Kevin
Subject: RE: Follow-up OPRA Requests
Importance: High

Good afternoon Kevin,

My Mayor, Gary Passanante, is meeting with Senator Weinberg this week regarding OPRA and OPMA. There is a committee of mayors that is being put together to discuss the many impacts that the proposed bill has for not only the clerks, but the municipalities, as a whole. Do you have the information that was gathered from the request below, and is it possible to forward it to me? He would like to have this as part of the discussion of the impact.

Thank you and feel free to reach out to me with any questions.
Michele

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From: [Carl Woodward](#)
To: ["Lori Buckelew"; Caruso, Frank](#)
Subject: RE: NJLM Conference - Recent OPRA Decisions
Date: Friday, November 15, 2019 11:51:46 AM
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Lori,

Frank and I have spoken about our presentation next week. As in the past, I am enclosing the case summaries I will be referring to in the presentation. I think that the League may make them available online. If so, please feel free to do so.

Kindest regards,

Carl Woodward

From: Lori Buckelew [mailto:xxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx]
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 12:01 PM
To: Carl Woodward <xxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx>; Caruso, Frank <Frank.Caruso@dca.nj.gov>
Subject: RE: NJLM Conference - Recent OPRA Decisions

Carl and Frank,

I had the wrong session open in my book when I sent the email below. The *Recent OPRA Decision* conference session is Wednesday, November 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Sorry for any confusion.

Lori

From: Lori Buckelew
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 12:00 PM
To: 'Carl Woodward'; Caruso, Frank
Subject: NJLM Conference - Recent OPRA Decisions

Carl and Frank,

Thank you for agreeing to be panelist on the Wednesday, November 20, 9:00 a.m. *Recent OPRA Decisions* conference session. As we quickly approach the conference I am reaching out to over a few items.

First, as reminder, the conference session room will include a head table with appropriate number of chairs, lectern with microphone, and a microphone in the center aisle for question and answers. **If you wish to do a PowerPoint presentation please let me know no later than October 30.** The League will arrange for a table and screen. **You will need to bring your own projector, laptop, and 20' extension cord.** You can order projectors,

electrical extension cords, and internet connections from the Convention Center for a fee.

If you are doing a PowerPoint presentation please send me a copy so we can post it to the web for folks to access at the conference.

If you would like a conference call before the session with the other members of the panel, all of whom are copied on this email, please let me know and I can facilitate a conference call.

As always, if you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Lori

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Date: Friday, August 16, 2019 3:04:45 PM
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[Fees Wrongly Denied in Author's Public Records Action Against NJIT, Court Says New Jersey Law Journal.pdf](#)

Attached an article from the NJ Law Journal along with the opinion from the 3rd Circuit US Court of Appeals regarding a fee award against NJ Institute of Technology for withholding documents, allegedly at the direction of the FBI.

From: [William Kearns](#)
To: [Frank Marshall Esq.](#); [CAE Michael J. Darcy](#); [Michael F. Cerra](#); [Lori Buckelew](#); [Jon Moran](#)
Cc: [Trishka Waterbury Cecil Esq](#); [John C. Gillespie Esq.](#); [J. Peter Jost](#)
Subject: USCA-3 decision on OPRA and fee entitlement
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Colleagues

I have attached an article from the NJ Law Journal along with the opinion from the 3rd Circuit US Court of Appeals regarding a fee award against NJ Institute of Technology for withholding documents, allegedly at the direction of the FBI.

It is worth reading.

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