

WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY
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November 7, 2023

Betsy Cross

Re: OPRA 24-037

opra+request-54867-cd8d21f9@requests.opramachine.com

Good morning,

The Wall Township Board of Education is in receipt of your emailed request for records dated November 7, 2023, wherein you requested records as follows:

“Can you kindly send me the September attorney bills for Athina Cornell's firm this Am..”

In response to your request, please find September 2023 attorney bills for Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne consisting of 12 pages.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Wall Township Board of Education to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ 08625, be-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,



Brian J. Smyth
Custodian of Records

BJS/dc

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BUSINESS OFFICE

Invoice # 19699
Date: 09/30/2023

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Wall Township Board of Education
1620 18th Avenue
Wall, New Jersey 07719

Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$0.00	+ \$1,798.50	) - (\$0.00	) = \$1,798.50

00992-Wall Township Board of Education

General

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
09/19/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to E. Scanlon, Esq.; Receipt and review of email from E. Scanlon, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to L. Koch, Esq.; Receipt and review of email from L. Koch, Esq. In Re: Pending Legal Matters	0.70	\$115.50
09/19/2023	Research, preparation and attendance at Board Meeting	4.00	\$660.00
09/20/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from Business Office In Re: Audit Request/Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023	0.25	\$41.25
09/20/2023	Receipt and review of Transcripts In Re: Student Matter	1.00	\$165.00
09/21/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from L. Koch, Esq. In Re: Pending Legal Matters	0.35	\$57.75
09/22/2023	Telephone conference with B. Smyth In Re: Pending Matters	0.50	\$82.50
09/26/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Board Matter	0.75	\$123.75
09/27/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Board Matter	0.50	\$82.50
09/28/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: Statement	0.55	\$90.75
09/28/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to T. Steiner In Re: HIB Review	1.80	\$297.00
09/29/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file	0.50	\$82.50

Quantity Subtotal 10.9

Quantity Total 10.9

Subtotal \$1,798.50

Amount \$1,798.50

Detailed Statement of Account

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
19699	10/30/2023	\$1,798.50	\$0.00	\$1,798.50
Outstanding Balance				\$1,798.50
Total Amount Outstanding				\$1,798.50

Tax ID: 47-2275513

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Invoice # 19700
Date: 09/30/2023

Wall Township Board of Education
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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$0.00	+ \$2,813.25	) - (\$0.00	) = \$2,813.25

01004-Wall Township Board of Education**OPRA**

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
09/08/2023	Receipt and review of email from resident In Re: OPRA	0.20	\$33.00
09/18/2023	Office research; preparation and review of file In Re: OPRA 24-018	0.25	\$41.25
09/20/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: OPRA Requests	5.70	\$940.50
09/21/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of redactions In Re: OPRA Requests	5.80	\$957.00
09/22/2023	Receipt and review of email from A. Nasr In Re: OPRA Request	0.20	\$33.00
09/23/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of redactions; Receipt and review of correspondence from B. Smyth In Re: OPRA Requests	1.70	\$280.50
09/25/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth In Re: OPRA Requests	2.30	\$379.50
09/26/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: OPRA Requests	0.30	\$49.50
09/28/2023	Review and revise correspondence to B. Smyth; Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: OPRA Requests	0.40	\$66.00
09/29/2023	Receipt and review of email from E. Harrison, Esq. In Re: OTSC	0.20	\$33.00

Quantity Subtotal	17.05
Quantity Total	17.05
Subtotal	\$2,813.25
Amount	\$2,813.25

Detailed Statement of Account

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
19700	10/30/2023	\$2,813.25	\$0.00	\$2,813.25
Outstanding Balance				\$2,813.25
Total Amount Outstanding				\$2,813.25

Tax ID: 47-2275513

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Invoice # 19701
 Date: 09/30/2023

Wall Township Board of Education
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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$0.00	+ \$8,604.75	) - (\$0.00	) = \$8,604.75

01005-Wall Township Board of Education**Personnel/Labor**

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
09/01/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of email from M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matter	0.35	\$57.75
09/04/2023	Review of salary record and summarization of projections In Re: Personnel Matter	0.50	\$82.50
09/05/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Edits to documentation; Redaction of exhibits; Research, preparation and drafting of Vaughn Index In Re: Personnel Matter	5.50	\$907.50
09/05/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from R. Friedman, Esq. In Re: Personnel	0.25	\$41.25
09/06/2023	Telephone conference with R. Schwartz, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Scarano; Receipt and review of email from M. Scarano; Research, preparation and attendance at Personnel Committee Meeting; Telephone conference with Dr. Handerman In Re: Personnel Matter	1.25	\$206.25
09/06/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondences to B. Smyth; Receipt and review of correspondence from B. Smyth In Re: Personnel	0.45	\$74.25
09/07/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Research, preparation and drafting of email to M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matter	4.75	\$783.75
09/07/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from M. Scarano; Telephone conference with law enforcement In Re: Legal Matters	0.60	\$99.00
09/08/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Receipt and review of email from M. Scarano;	2.75	\$453.75

	Preparation of Vaughn Index; Preparation of exhibit documents; Research, preparation and drafting of tenure documents In Re: Personnel Matter		
09/08/2023	Telephone conference with B. Smyth In Re: Legal Matters	0.30	\$49.50
09/11/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to R. Friedman, Esq. In Re: Personnel	0.65	\$107.25
09/11/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of cost chart In Re: Personnel Matter	0.75	\$123.75
09/12/2023	Receipt and review of email from Prosecutor's Office; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Prosecutor's Office; Telephone conference with R. Schwartz, Esq.; Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan and B. Smyth; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to R. Schwartz, Esq.; Receipt and review of email from R. Schwartz, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Handerhan and B. Smyth; Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Legal Matters	2.15	\$354.75
09/13/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to R. Schwartz, Esq.; Receipt and review of email from R. Schwartz, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Dr. Handerhan and B. Smyth; Review and revise Agreement; Office research, preparation and review of file; Receipt and review of email from Dr. Handerhan; Telephone conference with with C. Steitz In Re: Personnel Matter	1.25	\$206.25
09/13/2023	Receipt and review of correspondences from R. Friedman, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to R. Friedman, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to Judge Delanoy; Receipt and review of correspondence from Judge Delanoy's Chambers In Re: Personnel	1.40	\$231.00
09/14/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of Agreement; Telephone conference with B. Smyth In Re: Personnel Matter	3.30	\$544.50
09/15/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of Agreement; Receipt and review of correspondence from R. Schwartz, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	3.25	\$536.25
09/16/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to R. Schwartz, Esq.; Receipt and review of email from R. Schwartz, Esq.; Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel Matter	0.40	\$66.00
09/18/2023	Telephone conference with B. Smyth; Telephone conference with R. Schwartz, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to R. Schwarz, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.45	\$74.25
09/19/2023	Telephone conference with C. Smeltzer, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.15	\$24.75
09/19/2023	Telephone conference with R. Schwartz, Esq.; Receipt and review of emails and attachment from R. Schwartz, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of emails to R. Schwartz, Esq.; Review and revise Agreement; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to B. Smyth; Office research, preparation and review of file; Telephone conference with Dr. Handerhan In Re: Personnel Matter	1.20	\$198.00
09/20/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to R. Schwartz, Esq.; Receipt and review of email from B. Smyth; Telephone conference with B. Smyth; Telephone conference with R. Schwartz, Esq.; Office research, preparation and review of file; Research, preparation, and drafting of email	1.60	\$264.00

	to R. Schwartz, Esq.; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to B. Smyth; Receipt and review of email from B. Smyth In Re: Legal Matters		
09/21/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to law enforcement In Re: Legal Matters	0.20	\$33.00
09/21/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from J. Darby, Arbitrator; Receipt and review of correspondence from N. Johnson-Lafleur, NJEA; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to J. Darby, Arbitrator In Re: Personnel Grievance	0.45	\$74.25
09/21/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Personnel	0.80	\$132.00
09/21/2023	Telephone conference with M. Scarano In Re: Personnel Matter	0.20	\$33.00
09/22/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Research, preparation and drafting of Memorandum In Re: Personnel	2.90	\$478.50
09/22/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to R. Schwartz, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.25	\$41.25
09/25/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to M. Jacobs, Esq. In Re: Legal Matters	0.20	\$33.00
09/25/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth; Receipt and review of correspondence from B. Smyth In Re: Paraprofessionals/Health Benefits	0.35	\$57.75
09/25/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from N. Johnson-Lafleur, NJEA In Re: Personnel Grievance	0.25	\$41.25
09/25/2023	Receipt and review of correspondences from Judge Delanoy's Chambers; Receipt and review of correspondences from R. Friedman, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondences to R. Friedman, Esq. In Re: Personnel	0.90	\$148.50
09/26/2023	Receipt and review of correspondences from R. Friedman, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondences to R. Friedman, Esq.; Receipt and review of correspondence from G. Maher, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to G. Maher, Esq. In Re: Personnel Matter	0.55	\$90.75
09/26/2023	Telephone conference with R. Schwartz, Esq. In Re: Legal Matters	0.10	\$16.50
09/27/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of Memorandum In Re: Personnel Matter	2.00	\$330.00
09/27/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to R. Schwartz, Esq.; Receipt and review of email from R. Schwartz, Esq.; Telephone conference with B. Smyth; Receipt and review of email from Prosecutor's Office; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to Prosecutor's Office In Re: Legal Matters	1.10	\$181.50
09/28/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from R. Schwartz, Esq.; Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to R. Schwartz, Esq.; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth; Research, preparation and drafting of Agreement In Re: Personnel Matter	2.20	\$363.00

09/28/2023	Telephone conference with R. Friedman, Esq. In Re: Personnel	0.30	\$49.50
09/28/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence; Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file; Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth In Re: Legal Matters	2.70	\$445.50
09/29/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review and follow up of file In Re: Personnel Matter	1.45	\$239.25
09/29/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file; Review for scheduling; Research, preparation and drafting of Memorandum In Re: Personnel	2.00	\$330.00
		Quantity Subtotal	52.15
		Quantity Total	52.15
		Subtotal	\$8,604.75
		Amount	\$8,604.75

Detailed Statement of Account

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
19701	10/30/2023	\$8,604.75	\$0.00	\$8,604.75
				Outstanding Balance
				\$8,604.75
				Total Amount Outstanding
				\$8,604.75

Tax ID: 47-2275513

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Invoice # 19702
Date: 09/30/2023

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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$0.00	+ \$1,369.50	) - (\$0.00	) = \$1,369.50

01007-Wall Township Board of Education

Special Education

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
09/01/2023	Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Student Matter	0.20	\$33.00
09/08/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth; Review and revise Answer; Telephone conference with K. Bond; Review and revise Motion to Dismiss In Re: Student Matter	1.00	\$165.00
09/12/2023	Receipt and review of email from E. Harrison, Esq. In Re: Student Matter	0.20	\$33.00
09/13/2023	Telephone conference with K. Bond; Review and revise Motion to Dismiss; Review and revise Certification of K. Bond In Re: Student Matter	0.75	\$123.75
09/14/2023	Finalize Motion to Dismiss; Research, preparation and drafting of supporting certification by Superintendent; Add Caselaw on SOL of two years, Covid application In Re: Student Matter	2.30	\$379.50
09/15/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from K. Bond; Receipt and review of email from K. Bond; Office research, preparation and review of file In Re: Student Matter	0.40	\$66.00
09/18/2023	Research, preparation, and drafting of email to K. Bond; Review revised Motion and Certification In Re: Student Matter	0.65	\$107.25
09/19/2023	Review and revise Bond Certification; Revise Motion to Dismiss; Research, preparation and drafting of final draft for filing In Re: Student Matter	1.00	\$165.00
09/25/2023	Receipt and review of email from J. Kelly, OSEP; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to J. Kelly, OSEP In Re: Student Matter	0.35	\$57.75

09/26/2023	Telephone conference with K. Bond; Research, preparation, and drafting of email to J. Kelly, OSEP; Receipt and review of email from J. Kelly, OSEP; Receipt and review of email from A. Charles, OSEP In Re: Student Matter	0.45	\$74.25
09/26/2023	Telephone conference with K. Bond In Re: Pending Matters	0.65	\$107.25
09/27/2023	Receipt and review of email and attachment from A. Charles, OSEP In Re: Student Matter	0.35	\$57.75
		Quantity Subtotal	8.3
		Quantity Total	8.3
		Subtotal	\$1,369.50
		Amount	\$1,369.50

Detailed Statement of Account

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
19702	10/30/2023	\$1,369.50	\$0.00	\$1,369.50
				Outstanding Balance
				\$1,369.50
				Total Amount Outstanding
				\$1,369.50

Tax ID: 47-2275513

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Invoice # 19703
Date: 09/30/2023

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Statement of Account

Outstanding Balance	New Charges	Payments Received	Total Amount Outstanding
(\$0.00	+ \$148.50	) - (\$0.00	) = \$148.50

01024-Wall Township Board of Education

Negotiations

Date	Description	Hours	Amount
09/25/2023	Research, preparation and drafting of correspondence to B. Smyth In Re: WTASC Collective Bargaining Agreement	0.65	\$107.25
09/26/2023	Receipt and review of correspondence from B. Smyth In Re: WTASC Collective Bargaining Agreement	0.25	\$41.25
Quantity Subtotal			0.9
Quantity Total			0.9
Subtotal			\$148.50
Amount			\$148.50

Detailed Statement of Account

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
19703	10/30/2023	\$148.50	\$0.00	\$148.50
Outstanding Balance				\$148.50
Total Amount Outstanding				\$148.50

Tax ID: 47-2275513