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Receipt

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Request Date: June 12, 2018

Maximum Authorized Cost: \$1.00

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Request Number: W133685

Request Status: Denied Closed

Ready Date: June 14, 2018

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Status of Your Request

Your request for government records (# W133685) from the Office of the Attorney General has been reviewed and has been Denied Closed. Detailed information as to the availability of the documents you requested appear below and on following pages as necessary.

The cost and any balance due for this request is shown to the right. Any balance due must be paid in full prior to the release / mailing of the documents.

If you have any questions related to the disposition of this request please contact the Custodian of Records for the Office of the Attorney General. The contact information is in the column to the right. Please reference your request number in any contact or correspondence.

Cost Information

Total Cost: \$0.00

Deposit: \$0.00

Total Amount Paid: \$0.00

Balance Due: \$0.00

Document Detail

Div	Doc #	Doc Name	Redaction Req	Pages	Legal Size	Electronic Media	Other Cost
OAG	0001	Course materials and handouts created for the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute course "Sherlock: A Study in OPRA"	N		N	N	
		Denial: 05.Exception by State Regulation (specify) --- training materials within N.J.A.C. 13:1E-3.2a(2) and (3) and are therefore confidential and are not government records subject to public access under OPRA					

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You filed an OPRA request with the Department of Law and Public Safety (L&PS), Office of the Attorney General (OAG) seeking access to: "Course materials and handouts for the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute class 'Sherlock: A Study in OPRA'".

Attendance at courses given by the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute (AGAI) is restricted and is not open to the public. AGAI's website states: "Institute programs are open to attorneys in the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety and other state and local governmental entities within New Jersey, including county prosecutors' offices. Particular programs may also be open to government attorneys from other jurisdictions, whether state or federal, as well as paraprofessionals and investigators. Institute programs are NOT open to the private bar." Materials created by and for AGAI are proprietary; access to such materials is restricted and not available to the public.

L&PS OPRA Rules and Regulations, N.J.A.C. 13:1E-3.2a(2), provides that "[r]ecords, including standard operating procedures, manuals, and training materials, that may reveal . . . an agency's tactical, investigative or operational techniques, measures, or procedures, which, if disclosed, would . . . compromise an agency's ability to effectively conduct investigations" are confidential and are not government records subject to public access under OPRA.

Additionally, pursuant to L&PS OPRA Rules and Regulations, N.J.A.C. 13:1E-3.2a(3), records, including standard operating procedures, manuals, and training materials that may reveal case or matter specific legal strategy or advice, attorney work product, attorney-client privileged material, or other privileged material are confidential and are not considered government records subject to public access under OPRA.

The course materials and handouts for "Sherlock: A Study in OPRA" are training materials created for AGAI, intended for and available only to attorneys in the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety and other state and local governmental entities within New Jersey and State OPRA custodians. These AGAI course materials and handouts contain case and matter specific legal strategy and advice, attorney work product and provide instructional information and guidance concerning the Open Public Records Act. These AGAI course materials and handouts also reveal tactical, investigative or operational techniques, measures, or procedures of the Department of Law and Public Safety concerning OPRA. The course materials and handouts for "Sherlock: A Study in OPRA" are training materials within N.J.A.C. 13:1E-3.2a(2) and (3) and are therefore confidential and are not government records subject to public access under OPRA.

For those reasons, your request is denied.

Sincerely,
Bruce J. Solomon
OAG Custodian of Records

Your request for government records (# W133685) is as follows:

Course materials and handouts for the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute class "Sherlock: A Study in OPRA" (www.njadvocacyinstitute.com/2017-0619-27_OPRA.pdf)