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Mr. Johnson,

Under the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act, §29-B-1-1 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that which detail certain spending by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, its justices and employees. Please provide the following records:

1. Any and all emails to and/or from Chief Justice Allen Loughry pertaining to the remodeling and renovation of the justice's chambers from January 2013 to present.
2. Any and all emails to and/or from Kim Ellis, Director of Administrative Services, pertaining to the remodeling and renovation of the Chief Justice Allen Loughry's chambers from 2013 to present.
3. Any and all charges for meals purchased using public funds for the justices and clerks during 2016 and 2017.
4. Any and all P-Card purchases by the justices and court employees related to fuel and travel costs from 2009 to present.

5. The written court policy concerning the use of state-owned furniture in the justice's homes, the process which that policy was approved and the date of its approval.
6. Access to the WV Supreme Court of Appeals warehouse on Venable Avenue in Charleston to video state-purchased and state-owned furniture (a Cass Gilbert desk and blue-green leather couch) which were taken from Chief Justice Allen Loughry's home and placed within the warehouse. If the furniture has been moved to another location, please provide the current location of the furniture and allow our organization to video the furniture where it is being stored or utilized.
7. The cost for dinnerware and drinking glasses, mugs or cups emblazoned with the logo of the WV Supreme Court of Appeals purchased by the court using public money.
8. The cost of flatware purchased by the court using public money.
9. Any and all emails or documents pertaining to the court's practice of allowing former and current justices to purchase furniture owned by the state which was bought by public funds without going through West Virginia's surplus property procedures. Please provide the written policy, the date it was approved and the manner in which the value of the furniture is determined.
10. A list of state-owned furniture purchased by former and current justices of the WV Supreme Court of Appeals from 2009-present, the value of those items and the dates which they were purchased.
11. A list of vehicles used by the court, including vehicles used by the justices.
12. The policy pertaining to the use of state-owned vehicles by the justices and court employees, including reasons given for the usage of state-owned vehicles and the destination of the occupants disclosed to the court's vehicle supervisor.
13. The policy which allows justices to be exempt from disclosing their reasons for using a state-owned vehicle and to be exempt from disclosing their destinations, how the exemption was crafted, who approved it and the date of the approval.
13. A list of usage of state-owned vehicles by the justices and court employees.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me of the cost. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of understanding of how the court spends public money provided by the taxpayers of West Virginia. I am a member of the news media and my request is related to news gathering purposes. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The West Virginia Freedom of Information Act requires a response to this request be made within five business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records and access to the supreme court warehouse.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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