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Reply to: Oxford Office

August 8, 2008

Lafayette County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Lloyd Oliphant, President
Lafayette County Chancery Building
North Lamar Avenue
Oxford, Mississippi 38655

Re: Lafayette County Bar Association, et al v. Board of Supervisors of Lafayette
County, Mississippi
Lafayette County Circuit Court Cause No. L08-495
Our File No. 5737-119199

Dear Mr. Oliphant:

Pursuant to the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 (MISS. CODE ANN. § 25-61-1), the Lafayette County Bar Association hereby requests the right to inspect, copy or mechanically reproduce or obtain a reproduction of the following:

1. Any and all documents or records reflecting or relating to the construction plans for the current renovation of the Lafayette County Courthouse;
2. Any and all documents or records relating to the grant application or funding for the current renovation of the Lafayette County Courthouse;
3. Any and all documents or records regarding prior decisions of three or more members of the Lafayette County Board of Supervisor involving the current renovation of Lafayette County Courthouse, whether or not any such decision was made at a publicly-noticed meeting of the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors;
4. Any and all documents or records indicating that any part of the current renovations to the Lafayette County Courthouse were intended, planned, designed, or purchased for the benefit of any operation, function, or activity of the Circuit Court of Lafayette County;
5. Any and all audio or video recordings of the meeting of the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors held on August 4, 2008;

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6. Any and all documents and things relied upon, reviewed or considered by the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors in making the decision not to allow the Lafayette County Circuit Court to occupy and use the space in the newly-renovated Lafayette County Courthouse;

7. Any and all Minutes from any meeting of three or more members of the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors in which the current renovation of the Lafayette County Courthouse was considered, whether or not such meeting was publicly noticed;

8. Any and all Minutes from any meeting of three or more members of the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors at which the decision not to allow the Lafayette County Circuit Court to occupy and use the space in the Courthouse was discussed or considered in any way, whether or not such meeting was publicly noticed; and

9. Any and all notes, documents, or other evidence of communications, whether stored electronically or in any other manner, indicating any communication of any kind or sort between members of the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors (or any of them) regarding whether or not to allow the Lafayette County Circuit Court to occupy and use the space in the Courthouse, or whether to allow any other entity to use space in the Courthouse.

The public policy of the State of Mississippi, as codified by the Mississippi Legislature, is that public records must be available for inspection by any person. Furthermore, providing access to public records is a duty of each public body and automation of public records must not erode the right of access to those records. If you have adopted written procedures concerning the cost, time, place, and method of access to public records, please notify me immediately so the Lafayette County Bar Association can comply with your procedures. Denial of this request for access to or copies of the public records must be in writing and shall contain a statement of the specific reasons for the denial.

As these are time-sensitive requests, I respectfully seek responses within the fourteen-day deadline set forth in the Public Records Act.

If there will be costs in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the copying of any responsive documents, please let me know in advance of incurring such costs. Otherwise, the Lafayette County Bar Association shall pay the reasonable costs of obtaining such documents, in no case to exceed the actual cost of searching, reviewing, duplicating, and/or transmitting the records. If

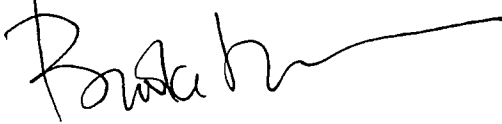
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these costs must be paid prior to the production of the requested documents, please contact me prior to the required date of production so that payment to your office may be timely made.

If you have any questions concerning this matter or need anything further to comply with this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (662) 232-8979.

Sincerely,

DANIEL COKER HORTON & BELL, P.A.



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