

Re: CPRA request (CCEA.2017.04.09.a)

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Good morning, Estela.

Please rethink your position. It's arguable that bills for matters relating to the court's oversight will be privileged, but, as the case itself is closed, there's no chance that releasing (redacted) copies of your legal bills for the case itself will give your opponents an advantage in litigation. Preventing this is the sole purpose of the pending litigation exemption. As it does not apply, and as there is intense public interest in knowing how much CCEA paid to defend this case, the bills are clearly not exempt.

Thanks for rethinking this,

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On Wed, Apr 19, 2017, at 10:25 AM, Estela Lopez wrote:

Pursuant to the Stipulated Judgment in LACW et al. v. Downtown Industrial District BID et al. (2:14-cv-07344-PSG-AJW), the court has retained jurisdiction for an additional four years. Thus, until the matter is finished, we believe that the case remains "pending" and the requested documents remain privileged.

Cordially,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 09, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Estela Lopez
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Good afternoon, Estela, and happy Palm Sunday.

And congratulations on settling that 2014 lawsuit, namely LACW et al. v. Downtown Industrial District BID et al. (2:14-cv-07344-PSG-AJW). I would like to look at copies of all bills from all lawyers who worked for the CCEA on this case.

For the sake of efficiency, and in case you're not already aware of this, here's a link to an LA Times story on the recent Supreme Court decision declaring that once a case is resolved the bills become public records:

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-court-legal-bills-20161229-story.html>

Thanks,