



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Washington DC 20420

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Mr. Carl Malamud  
President & CEO  
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1005 Gravenstein Highway North  
Sebastopol, CA 95472

Dear Mr. Malamud:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 20, 2009, in which you requested:

- Any memoranda or budgetary documents that detail the total amount actually spent or the amount budgeted to be spent by the Department of Veterans Affairs to access the PACER system run by the Administrative Office of the Courts. I am interested in how much was spent or was budgeted to be spent in the period from 2000 to the present, as well as budget items for future fiscal periods.
- Any agreements, contracts, or memoranda of understanding between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Administrative Office of the Courts governing access to the PACER system by Department of Veterans Affairs staff.
- Any memoranda or other documents from Department of Veterans Affairs management to Department of Veterans Affairs lawyers asking them to curtail, limit, or otherwise ration their use of the PACER system due to cost considerations.
- Any contracts, memoranda, or budgetary materials detailing the specific agreements and amount of money spent by the Department of Veterans Affairs with commercial legal information providers such as Thomson WestLaw or the ReedElsiveir LexisNexis service. While I understand such commercial legal information providers have more than just federal data, documents pertaining to the amount spent or budgeted, contracts, and memoranda relating to curtailing use because of cost are all relevant to this inquiry."

The FOIA Service received your request on May 28, 2009, and assigned it FOIA number 09-00158-F. Please refer to this number when communicating with this office about your request.

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The documents you seek are not located in this office. The records you have requested, if they exist, would be maintained by the Office of the General Counsel (GC). Pursuant to our regulations (38 CFR § 1.553a), we are referring your request to GC for a file search and direct response to you. If you wish to know the status of your request, please contact:

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Office of the General Counsel  
General Counsel Office (026H)

Attn: David Donahue

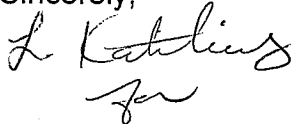
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This concludes our response to your request.

We appreciate your interest in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Customer service is very important to us. If you have questions about this letter, please contact Amy Gbenou of my staff at 202-461-7465 and refer to case number 09-00158-F.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Livornese", with a small flourish underneath.

John Livornese  
Director, FOIA Service