



THE BUCKEYE INSTITUTE

March 11, 2024

VIA Electronic Mail

University of Akron School of Law
Attention: Custodian of Records

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Custodian of Records:

Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code § 149.43, The Buckeye Institute respectfully requests that you provide the public records outlined below.

For the purposes of these requests, “document” means any and all information in tangible form, of any nature whatsoever, including the originals and all non-identical copies thereof, in your possession, custody, or control, including all letters, emails, correspondence, text messages, contracts, drafts, agreements, notes to files, reports, memoranda, mechanical and electronic recordings, tapes, or transcripts, information stored in computers or other data storage or processing equipment translated or translatable into a usable form. The term “document” also includes reports, surveys, data, or other information available on any vendor platform or other electronic platform. This request does not seek direct access to such platform.

The terms “relate,” “relating,” or “relative to,” as used herein, shall mean referring to, relating to, embodying, connected with, commenting on, responding to, supporting, showing, describing, analyzing, discussing, reflecting, or constituting.

Unless otherwise provided, for each request, please provide responsive documents for January 1, 2022, to the present. These requests do not seek student names or student personal identifying information.

Please provide copies of the following:

1. **Internships, etc.** All documents relating to any internship, externship, fellowship, or any other job opportunity offered, sponsored, advertised, or supported by the Law School that is offered exclusively to, or that gives a preference to minority or underrepresented students or is otherwise based on race, color, or nationality.
2. **Scholarships.** All documents relating to any scholarship offered, sponsored, advertised, or supported by the Law School that is offered exclusively to, or that gives a preference to minority or underrepresented students or is otherwise based on race, color, or nationality.

3. All documents relating to the Law School giving a preference or priority to minority or underrepresented students or other students based on color, race, or nationality.
4. All e-mails sent to or from Emily M. Janoski-Haehlen, Dean; Barbara C.S. DiGiacomo, Associate Dean for Administration and Enrollment Management; Anthony Colucci, Director for Admissions; Alisa Benedict O'Brien, Assistant Dean for Career Services & Strategic Initiatives; Alecia N. Bencze, Director of Career Services and Strategic Initiatives; Michael Gentithes, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Andrew Costigan, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs; and Brant T. Lee, Assistant Dean of Diversity & Social Justice Initiatives relating to requests 1 through 3.

Please produce the records in electronic format to publicrecords@buckeyeinstitute.org. If you would prefer, a confidential Dropbox folder may be set up for you to upload the documents. Please advise if you would prefer to upload the documents to a Dropbox folder. If you need to send hard copies, please send them to the address set forth below, Attn: Alex Certo. If it is not possible to provide the records in electronic format and **if you anticipate that you will incur more than \$50 in copying or scanning expenses, please contact me before incurring these costs.**

If you anticipate a delay longer than ten (10) days, please notify me when you expect the materials to be ready. Failure to promptly produce the requested records may result in legal action, including a request for attorney's fees and damages. *State ex rel. School Choice Ohio, Inc. v. Cincinnati Pub. School Dist.*, 147 Ohio St.3d 256, 2016-Ohio-5026, 63 N.E.3d 1183, ¶ 46.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (614) 224-4422. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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