

State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

September 19, 2011

James T. McLaren, Esq.
Post Office Box 11809
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. McLaren:

On August 26, 2011, our office received your Freedom of Information Act request for:

1. All letters, e-mails and other written communications ... received from William Robert Simpson, Sr. or William Robert Simpson, Jr. at any time [from January 1, 2000 though today].
2. All letters, e-mails and other written communication ... received from any person concerning William Robert Simpson, Sr. or William Robert Simpson, Jr. at any time [from January 1, 2000 though today].
3. All notes, summaries, memorandum and any other records ... of discussions, meetings, conferences ... concerning William Robert Simpson, Sr. or William Robert Simpson, Jr. at any time [from January 1, 2000 though today].
4. All letters, e-mails and other written communications ... sent to William Robert Simpson, Sr. or William Robert Simpson, Jr. at any time [from January 1, 2000 though today].
5. All letters, e-mails and other written communication ... sent to any person concerning William Robert Simpson, Sr. or William Robert Simpson, Jr. at any time [from January 1, 2000 though today]."

Please find enclosed records responsive to your request. The following exemptions apply to the responsive public records: South Carolina Code of Laws Section 34-4-40(a)(2) (information of a personal nature where the public disclosure would constitute unreasonable invasion of personal privacy).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Swati S. Patel / RSS".

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel

SSP/jlt



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May 3, 2011

Mr. W. R. Simpson, Jr.
2052 Billie Drive
Manning, South Carolina 29102

Dear Mr. Simpson,

Thank you so much for taking the time to come to Florence to visit with me. Although under regrettable circumstances, I enjoyed meeting you, your father, and your son. We will be in touch regarding both legal cases. Thanks again for attending Open Door. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nikki".

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/dr

104796

newly elected 2/4 / Affordability



104796

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2 exams today @ 1 Mon
Open Door After Four with Governor Nikki R. Haley

Date: April 29, 2011

Name: Cody Simpson / Bill Simpson

Daytime Phone Number: 803-460- [redacted] / 803-460- [redacted]

Address: 2052 Billie Drive
Mauldin S.C. 29102

Evening Phone Number: 803-481- [redacted]

E-mail Address: BuckardBullFarms@ [redacted]

Reason for visit: talk to Governor about lawyer issues in S.C.

Time Assigned: 5:10

Staff Member Assigned: Denise

Staff Notes / Follow Up: Fighting legal system past 8 yrs / white collar crime / farming for 42 yrs / judge removed b/c of his case / lawyers are presenting deals / lots action behind closed doors / Can anything be done about the way judges are elected? \$243,000 for a divorce case 12 months / \$300,000 dollars / took appeals / channels but some of same people were involved (judges & lawyers) / gave away all his property \$1400,000 / judge was thrown off bench but no one will review his case /

- * 2 option - election process (public) or way SC do it (popularity contest)
- * more transparency

What do you want to happen? How opposing counsel can charge so much in fees

From: Denise Riley
To: Katherine Haltiwanger
Date: 5/6/2011 4:01 pm
Subject: Re: ODAF

CC: swatipatel@gov.sc.gov
Katherine,

Will do, however case # 104796 (Simpson Men) I am guessing has to be turned over to Swati. The Governor told them that we would look into their cases.

Seems that both the elder Simpsons feel they were taken in court by the judges that heard their divorce cases and by the ex wives attorneys. Governor Haley promised them that their individual cases would be looked into.

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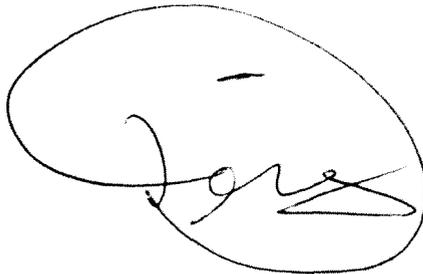
Denise

>>> "Haltiwanger, Katherine" <KatherineHaltiwanger@gov.sc.gov> 5/6/2011 3:42 pm >>>

Sorry for the delay in getting you the letters; the Governor has them in her stack to proof. With that being said, please go forward and start your follow-up. Please meet with Taylor for any cases that involve Cabinet agencies.

Thanks,
Katherine

Do I need to do anything else on this case!



Mail Log: 104796

SX Log New Correspondance
Validate Record

LAST NAME Simpson

FIRST NAME Bill

TITLE

AGENCY

ADDRESS

None Given

CITY CO

STATE ZIP

Phone 1 (803) 473- Ext.

Phone 2

Phone 3

Fax

E-MAIL +/-

E-MAIL 2

DATE RECVD 3/25/2011 Status closed

SH

DIV DIV/PH Constituent Services
Riley

Respondent Riley

Agency Date

Final Date

Mail Date

NRN Date

Open 3/25/2011

TimeToResp 0

TimeToMail

TotalTime 0

INQUIRY
Concerns re: would like to speak with the Governor

Date Time

Event

Place

PROLEGIS

CON LEGIS

COMMENT

CC:

Letter OR Phone 3/25/2011

Notes

Judge has ordered he given his property to someone that is not entitled. If it happened to him, could happen to anyone. Has spent close to a million dollars in attorney fees. Would like to discuss with the Governor. Unfortunately, this matter will have to be resolved in the court.
Case closed.

Mail Log: 104796

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Validate Record

LAST NAME Simpson

FIRST NAME W R "Bill"

TITLE

AGENCY

ADDRESS 2052 Billie Dr. None Given

CITY Manning CO

STATE ZIP 29102

Phone 1 (803) 460- Ext.

Phone 2

Phone 3

Fax

E-MAIL buckandbullfarms@ +/-

E-MAIL 2

DATE RECVD 6/21/2011 Status closed

SH

DIV DIV/PH Constituent Services
Riley

Respondent Riley

Agency Date

Final Date

Mail Date

NRN Date

Open 6/21/2011

Letter OR Phone 6/21/2011

TimeToResp 0

TimeToMail

TotalTime 0

INQUIRY

Continuing concerns re:
court/lawyer issues

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Mail Log: **104796**

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ADDRESS 2052 Billie Dr. None Given

CITY Manning CO

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Phone 1 (803) 460- Ext.

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Fax

E-MAIL buckandbullfarms@ +/-

E-MAIL 2

DATE RECVD 4/29/2011 Status closed

SH
DIV DIV/OH Constituent Services
Riley

Respondent Riley

Agency Date

Final Date

Mail Date 5/11/2011

NRN Date

Open 5/2/2011

TimeToResp 3

TimeToMail 9

TotalTime 12

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5/2 Letter

5/6 E-mail to KH and copied S.Patel because the Governor promised someone would take a look at their case.

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5/16 Follow up e-mail to Swati
Swati,

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Thanks,
Denise
5/17 E-mail from Swati's summer intern:
Denise,

I'm the summer law clerk with Swati, and I just wanted to let you know I will be calling to follow up on Case # 104796 / Simpson Men today.

Thanks!

Sarah Woolf
5/18 E-mail from Sarah W:
Good Morning! I finished up with Mr. Simpson this morning. We can't specifically give him help, but I directed him to the Office of Disciplinary Conduct (he'd already been in contact with the Commission for Lawyer Conduct and Judicial Conduct). Just letting you know so you can close the case#!

thanks

sarah
Case closed.