ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDIANA PUBLIC ACCESS COUNSELOR To the Indiana General Assembly

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-14-4-12, the Indiana Public Access Counselor ("PAC") hereby submits this annual report of activities for the time period covering July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.¹ This report is presented in three parts: in Part I a narrative summary of the activities of the PAC; in Part II the information required to be submitted pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-14-4-12; and in Part III appendices listing presentations given and advisory opinions issued in the past year.

PART I Annual Report Narrative

Mission

The Public Access Counselor provides advice and assistance concerning Indiana's public access laws to members of the public and government officials and their employees.

<u>Vision</u>

The Office of the Public Access Counselor is dedicated to carrying out its mission by employing the following philosophy:

"A fundamental philosophy of the American constitutional form of representative government is that government is the servant of the people and not their master. Accordingly, it is the public policy of the state that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees. Providing persons with the information is an essential function of a representative government and an integral part of the routine duties of public officials and employees, whose duty it is to provide the information. This chapter shall be liberally construed to implement this policy and place the burden of proof for the nondisclosure of a public record on the public agency that would deny access to the record and not on the person seeking to inspect and copy the record." -Indiana Code § 5-14-3-1 through 5-14-3-10

"...It is the intent of this chapter that the official action of public agencies be conducted and taken openly, unless otherwise expressly provided by statute, in order that the people may be fully informed..." -Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-1.

¹ All data were compiled as of 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 30, 2017.

Public Access Counselor and Staff

Public Access Counselor Luke H. Britt was appointed by Governor Mike Pence to serve as Indiana's Seventh PAC. Britt previously served as an attorney and operations manager for the Indiana State Department of Health and as an attorney for the Indiana Department of Child Services. After five years of dedicated service, our full-time legal assistant, Mrs. Dale Brewer, accepted a new position with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. The position was reclassified into a full-time Program Coordinator position, and we hired Kristopher Cundiff as our new Program Coordinator. The office of the Public Access Counselor also utilizes the assistance of seasonal interns.

Advisory Opinions

The PAC has received 321 formal complaints in FY16, a slight increase from 317 in FY15. From July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, the PAC anticipates issuing 202 written advisory opinions in response to formal complaints (32 are pending at the time of the submission of the report and several were withdrawn or rejected). *See* Ind. Code 5-14-5 regarding the complaint process. Pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-14-5-9, an advisory opinion must be issued within thirty business days of receipt of a formal complaint. All but two opinions met that benchmark. The deadline for priority complaints is seven days. *See* Ind. Code § 5-14-5-10; 62 IAC 1. See Appendix B for a detailed list.

Informal Opinions

In addition to advisory opinions in response to formal complaints, the PAC issues written informal opinions pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-14-4-10(5). The PAC issued twenty-three (23) informal opinions for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. See Appendix C for a detailed list.

<u> Telephone and Electronic Mail Inquiries</u>

Our most important metric is interaction with the public. The PAC Office has experienced a 41% increase in activity over last year and nearly a 200% increase since 2012. From July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, the two PAC staff members received and responded to 4,245 inquiries via telephone and electronic mail, as compared to 3003 in FY 2014 and 2762 inquiries received in FY 2013. Approximately 98% of all general inquiries were responded to within 48 hours. The remaining 2% were due to weekends, holidays and out-of-office time.

Education and Presentations

The Public Access Counselor made 25 educational presentations in FY 2016. The focus of this Public Access Counselor has been expanding educational awareness on the Access to Public Records Act and the Open Door Law to the public and government officials. These educational presentations have given the Public Access Counselor the opportunity to travel across the state, speaking to audiences ranging from small town halls to the Indiana General Assembly. Luke Britt has also expanded the use of technology in the Office by participating in Webinars and through the use of the website. Appendix A contains a list of presentations made.

Handbook and Other Educational Materials

The *Handbook on Indiana's Public Access Laws* was revised in FY 2016, last revised and printed in FY 2013. The *Handbook* is issued by the PAC and the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-14-4-10(3). The Hoosier State Press Association assisted significantly with the production of the *Handbook*. The *Handbook* is a resource utilized by many public officials and the public at large, and the PAC receives many requests for the print version of the *Handbook*. The *Handbook*. The *Handbook*. The *Handbook* is posted on the PAC's website, <u>www.IN.gov/pac</u>, and the PAC encourages individuals and agencies to download it from the website at no charge.

In addition to the *Handbook*, the Counselor also prepared slides and handouts for participants at the educational seminars to which the Counselor was invited. Because the PAC budget will not allow the PAC to provide copies of slides and handouts to attendees at all events (some of which number in the hundreds), the PAC generally asks the sponsoring organization to provide copies for attendees. The PAC makes copies of all slide presentations available via the PAC website.

Public Access Counselor Website

The Office of the Public Access Counselor maintains a website at <u>www.in.gov/pac</u>. The website contains formal advisory and informal opinions that have been issued since 1998. In addition to the resources listed in previous paragraphs, the website contains upcoming and past presentations of the PAC, sample letters and meeting notices, frequently asked questions, previous year's Annual Reports, and other resources.

The PAC and his staff has expended a significant amount of resources in updating the materials on the PAC website – most of which had not been updated since 2008. These materials are currently up to date as of June 2016.

Oversight Committee on Public Records

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-15-5.1-18, the Public Access Counselor serves as chairman of the Oversight Committee on Public Records, the governing body for the Indiana Commission on Public Records ("OCPR"). The OCPR is a governor-appointed committee which sets public records retention schedules for Indiana state and local governments.

PART II <mark>Annual Report</mark>

- (1) Total number of formal complaints received (includes pending complaints): 321
- (2) Total number of formal complaints that have been withdrawn, rejected or lawsuit filed:

Withdrawn:

Rejected:	25
Letter issued:	36
Lawsuit Filed:	1
Converted to Informal opinion:	1

(3) Number of formal complaints received about each of the following (includes pending and withdrawn complaints):

(A)	State agencies:	88
(B)	County agencies:	138
(C)	City agencies:	80
(D)	Town agencies:	32
(E)	Township agencies:	14
(F)	School corporations:	17
(G)	Other local agencies:	11
(H)	Universities:	7
(I)	Other:	5

(4 Number of formal complaints received concerning each of the following (includes pending and withdrawn complaints):

(A)	Public records:	324
(B)	Public meetings:	58
(C)	Both:	10

(5) Number of formal complaints received each from the public, media and government agencies (includes pending and withdrawn complaints):

Public:	333
Public at large:	220
Offenders:	113
Media:	47
Government:	12
	Public at large: Offenders: Media:

- (6) Total number of written formal advisory opinions issued (does not include written informal opinions):
 - (A) Opinions Issued: 283
 - (B) Opinions Pending: 34

PART III Appendices

APPENDIX A

PRESENTATIONS, TRAINING AND EDUCATION

JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

<u>2016</u>

July 14, 2016	Franklin County Commissioners, Brookville, IN
July 26, 2016	Kokomo Police Department, Kokomo, IN
August 3, 2016	Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN
August 19, 2016	Public Access Training Session
September 2, 2016	Church Church Hittle & Antrim, Noblesville, IN
September 6, 2016	Noblesville Police Department, Noblesville, IN
September 13, 2016	Frankfort Police Department, Frankfort, IN
September 20, 2016	Indiana Township Association, Indianapolis, IN
September 23, 2016	South Bend Police Department, South Bend, IN
September 29, 2016	DePauw University and Greencastle League of Women Voters, Greencastle, IN
November 29, 2016	County Commissioners Association
December 5, 2016	Indiana Department of Administration, Indianapolis, IN
December 14, 2016	Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council, Indianapolis, IN

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January 17, 2017	Indianapolis Monthly Lunch Talk, Indianapolis, IN
January 26, 2017	Indiana County Assessor Conference, Indianapolis, IN
February 9, 2017	Liberty Township Fire Department, Clayton, IN
March 1, 2017	Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Franklin, IN
March 6, 2017	South Bend Common Council and Commissions, South Bend, IN
March 14, 2017	Greencastle Watson Forum, Greencastle, IN
March 23, 2017	University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN
March 28, 2017	Rush County Planning and Zoning Presentation, Rushville, IN

April 11, 2017	Franklin Police Department, Franklin, IN
April 19, 2017	Recorder's Annual Conference, Columbus, IN
May 3, 2017	Hendricks County Sheriff's Department, Danville, IN
May 23, 2017	University Police Departments, Fishers, IN

APPENDIX B

ADVISORY OPINIONS ISSUED IN RESPONSE TO FORMAL COMPLAINTS (I.C. 5-14-5)

JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

<u>2016</u>

- <u>16-FC-128: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the State of Indiana,</u> <u>Indiana Department of Transportation;</u>
- <u>16-FC-130: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Town of Fountain City Town</u> <u>Council;</u>
- <u>16-FC-131: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Gary Police</u> <u>Department;</u>
- <u>16-FC-132</u>: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by Brown Township Board and the Brown Township Trustee, Hendricks County;
- <u>16-FC-133: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Tippecanoe</u> <u>Circuit Court</u>
- <u>16-FC-134 (Priority); Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law and the Access to Public</u> <u>Records Act by Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne</u>
- <u>16-FC-136: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Tippecanoe</u> <u>County Public Defender's Office</u>
- <u>16-FC-138: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Lake County</u> <u>Sheriff's Department</u>
- <u>16-FC-139</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Marion County <u>Prosecutor's Office</u>

- <u>16-FC-140: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of Montpelier;</u>
- <u>16-FC-141, 142, 143 & 144;(Consolidated); Alleged Violation of the Access to Public</u> <u>Records Act by the Vigo County Auditor, Vigo County Human Resources Department,</u> <u>Vigo County Treasurer's Office, and the Vigo County Emergency Management Agency;</u>
- <u>16-FC-145: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Jefferson County</u> <u>Sheriff's Office:</u>
- <u>16-FC-146: (Priority); Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Town of Long</u> <u>Beach Town Council;</u>
- <u>16-FC-147: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Highland</u> <u>Redevelopment Commission;</u>
- <u>16-FC-148: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Elkhart County</u> <u>Sheriff's Office;</u>
- <u>16-FC-149: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Miami</u> <u>Correctional Facility:</u>
- <u>16-FC-150: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Lake County</u> <u>Council;</u>
- <u>16-FC-151: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Anderson</u> <u>Housing Authority:</u>
- <u>16-FC-152</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the LaPorte County <u>Clerk's Office</u>;
- <u>16-FC-154</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the State of Indiana, Indiana Department of Correction;
- <u>16-FC-155: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Marion Police</u> <u>Department;</u>
- <u>16-FC-153: (Priority); Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Attica</u> <u>Consolidated School Corporation;</u>
- <u>16-FC-160: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the State of Indiana</u> <u>Department of Insurance:</u>
- <u>16-FC-164</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Elkhart County <u>Human Resources Department</u>;

- <u>16-FC-166: (Priority); Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the</u> <u>Edgewood Town Court Clerk's Office;</u>
- <u>16-FC-167</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Marion County <u>Prosecutor's Office;</u>
- <u>16-FC-168 & 16-FC-198 (Consolidated)(Priority): Alleged Violation of the Access to</u> <u>Public Records Act by the Putnam County Convention and Visitors Bureau;</u>
- <u>16-FC-169: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Town of</u> <u>Brookville Town Council;</u>
- <u>16-FC-170: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Town of</u> <u>Brookville Town Council and the Brookville Clerk/Treasurer (Consolidated);</u>
- <u>16-FC-171: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the State of Indiana,</u> <u>State Board of Education;</u>
- <u>16-FC-172: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Town of Munster;</u>
- <u>16-FC-173: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Northwest</u> <u>Indiana Regional Development Authority;</u>
- <u>16-FC-174</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Hendricks <u>County Clerk's Office</u>;
- <u>16-FC-175</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Michigan City Police Department;
- <u>16-FC-176: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Georgetown</u> <u>Clerk-Treasurer's Office;</u>
- <u>16-FC-177</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City Richmond Police Department;
- <u>16-FC-178: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of Gary,</u> <u>Gary Police Civil Service</u>
- <u>16-FC-179</u>: (Priority); Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Metropolitan <u>School District of Wabash County School Board</u>;
- <u>16-FC-181: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Jefferson</u> <u>Township Trustee, Tipton County;</u>
- <u>16-FC-182</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Delaware County Emergency Communications Center Executive Board;

- <u>16-FC-180: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the State of Indiana,</u> <u>Indiana Department of Correction</u>
- <u>16-FC-183: (Priority); Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Lake</u> <u>County Clerk's Office;</u>
- <u>16-FC-184</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of Anderson <u>Utility Office</u>
- <u>16-FC-185: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Joint Emergency</u> <u>Communication Center Executive Board, Muncie Police Department</u>
- <u>16-FC-186: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana</u> <u>Department of Education;</u>
- 16-FC-187: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Town Board of Tennyson
- <u>16-FC-188: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Marion County</u> <u>Clerk</u>
- <u>16-FC-189: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana</u> <u>Department of Workforce Development</u>
- <u>16-FC-190: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of</u> <u>Charlestown;</u>
- <u>16-FC-191: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana</u> <u>Department of Transportation;</u>
- <u>16-FC-192: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of Gary</u> <u>Police Department</u>
- <u>16-FC-193</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by Pike Township <u>Trustee's Office (Marion County)</u>;
- <u>16-FC-194</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Office of the <u>Governor</u>;
- <u>16-FC-195: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Gary</u> <u>Community School Corporation</u>
- <u>16-FC-196: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of</u> <u>Charlestown;</u>
- <u>16-FC-197</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Lake County <u>Clerk of Courts</u>;

- <u>16-FC-199: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the New Castle</u> <u>Correctional Facility</u>
- <u>16-FC-200: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Metropolitan</u> <u>Evansville Transit System</u>
- <u>16-FC-201</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of Gary;
- <u>16-FC-202: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Madison County</u> <u>Circuit Court 4</u>;
- <u>16-FC-203</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the New Vista High <u>School Charter School</u>;
- <u>16-FC-204: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of Muncie</u> <u>Building Commissioner;</u>
- <u>16-FC-205: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of New</u> <u>Albany (Consolidated Opinion);</u>
- <u>16-FC-206: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Jefferson</u> <u>Township Trustee (Tipton County)</u>;
- <u>16-FC-207</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Marion County Assessor;
- <u>16-FC-209</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority;
- <u>16-FC-210: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Pendleton</u> <u>Correctional Facility:</u>
- <u>16-FC-211: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Marion Police</u> <u>Department;</u>
- <u>16-FC-213: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by Indiana University;</u>
- <u>16-FC-215: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Marion County</u> <u>Clerk;</u>
- <u>16-FC-217</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana State <u>Police</u>;
- <u>16-FC-219: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana</u> <u>Department of Correction;</u>
- <u>16-FC-221: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Middlebury Town Council</u>

- <u>16-FC-224: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Daviess County</u> <u>Ambulance Advisory Board</u>
- <u>16-FC-225: Alleged Violation(s) of the Access to Public Records Act and the Open Door</u> <u>Law by the Anderson Township Trustee</u>
- <u>16-FC-226: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of New</u> <u>Albany</u>
- <u>16-FC-227: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Town of</u> <u>Newburgh</u>
- <u>16-FC-228: Alleged Violation of Open Door Law by Milton Town Council;</u>
- <u>16-FC-229</u>: <u>Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act and Open Door Law by</u> <u>the Town of Galveston</u>;
- <u>16-FC-230: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by City of Columbus Fire Department;</u>
- <u>16-FC-231</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indianapolis <u>Metropolitan Police Department</u>;
- <u>16-FC-232: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by Putnam County</u> <u>Convention & Visitors Bureau;</u>
- <u>16-FC-235: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by Indiana Department</u> <u>of Correction;</u>
- <u>16-FC-236: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Marion County</u> <u>Prosecutor's Office;</u>
- <u>16-FC-240: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana</u> <u>Department of Workforce Development;</u>
- <u>16-FC-243: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of South</u> <u>Bend, South Bend Police Department;</u>
- <u>16-FC-244: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act and Open Door Law by</u> <u>Crawford County Auditor and Council;</u>
- <u>16-FC-245: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Putnamville</u> <u>Correctional Facility:</u>
- <u>16-FC-246: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Marion County</u> <u>Forensic Services Agency:</u>

- <u>16-FC-248: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Putnam County</u> <u>Convention and Visitors Bureau;</u>
- <u>16-FC-249: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of</u> <u>Columbus Police Department;</u>
- <u>16-FC-251: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of</u> <u>Columbus Clerk-Treasurer;</u>
- <u>16-FC-252: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Carroll County Board of</u> <u>Commissioners;</u>
- <u>16-FC-254</u>: <u>Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana</u> <u>Prosecuting Attorneys Council</u>;
- <u>16-FC-255</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Hobart Police Department;
- <u>16-FC-256: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Knox County</u> <u>Auditor's Office:</u>
- <u>16-FC-257: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Marion County</u> <u>Court:</u>
- <u>16-FC-258: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Family and</u> <u>Social Services Administration;</u>
- <u>16-FC-265: (Priority): Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Indiana Alcohol</u> <u>and Tobacco Commission;</u>
- <u>16-FC-266: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Michigan City</u> <u>Area School Corporation;</u>
- <u>16-FC-267: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Hamilton</u> <u>Southeastern Schools;</u>
- <u>16-FC-273: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Evansville</u> <u>Water and Sewer Utility;</u>
- <u>16-FC-274</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana State <u>Police</u>;
- <u>16-FC-275: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Fayette County Council;</u>
- <u>16-FC-276: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Ripley County</u> <u>Sheriff's Office;</u>

- <u>16-FC-277</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by St. Joseph Superior Court Judge Jeffrey L. Sanford;
- <u>16-FC-280: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the West Lafayette</u> <u>Community School Corporation;</u>
- <u>16-FC-281: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Office of the</u> <u>Indiana Governor;</u>
- <u>16-FC-282: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Northwest Indiana Regional</u> <u>Development Authority;</u>
- <u>16-FC-284: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Ace Preparatory Academy</u> <u>Charter School;</u>
- <u>16-FC-285: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by Prison Enterprises</u> <u>Network (PEN);</u>
- <u>16-FC-286: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Clark County</u> <u>Coroner;</u>
- <u>16-FC-287</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by City of Mishawaka;
- <u>16-FC-288: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by Indiana State</u> <u>Police;</u>
- <u>16-FC-289</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act and the Open Door Law by the Steuben County Economic Development Corporation;
- <u>16-FC-292</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Tipton County Redevelopment Commission;
- <u>16-FC-294: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by Fort Wayne Center for Education</u> <u>- Fort Wayne Urban League;</u>
- <u>16-FC-295</u>: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Town of Elizabeth;
- <u>16-FC-296: Alleged violation of the Open Door Law by the Warrick County Board of</u> <u>Zoning Appeals</u>;
- <u>16-FC-297: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of LaPorte;</u>
- <u>16-FC-298: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Clerk of St.</u> <u>Joseph Circuit Court:</u>
- <u>16-FC-299, 300 & 307 (Consolidated): Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records</u> Act by the Clerk of the Marion County Circuit Court;

- <u>16-FC-301</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Clark County <u>Government</u>;
- <u>16-FC-302</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by IVY Tech Community College;
- <u>16-FC-304: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana</u> <u>Department of Homeland Security;</u>
- <u>16-FC-306: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Kosciusko</u> <u>County Assessor;</u>
- <u>16-FC-311: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of</u> <u>Montpelier Clerk-Treasurer;</u>
- <u>16-FC-312: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Town of Albion;</u>
- <u>16-FC-313: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Floyd County</u> <u>Treasurer and Auditor;</u>
- <u>16-FC-315:Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Hammond</u> <u>Public Schools:</u>
- <u>16-FC-316: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana State</u> <u>Police:</u>
- <u>16-FC-318: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana State</u> <u>Police:</u>
- <u>16-FC-319: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Grant County</u> <u>Sheriff;</u>
- <u>16-FC-320: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Office of Former</u> <u>Indiana Governor Mike Pence;</u>
- <u>16-FC-321: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by IVY Tech</u> <u>Community College:</u>
- <u>16-FC-322: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Hancock County</u> <u>Superior Court;</u>
- <u>16-FC-323: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of East</u> <u>Chicago:</u>
- <u>16-FC-324: (Consolidated): Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Indian Creek</u> <u>Township Legislative Board</u>

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- 17-FC-108: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana Department of Correction
- 17-FC-107: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Marion County Clerk's Office
- 17-FC-106: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Lake County Sheriff's Department
- 17-FC-105: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Ingalls Town Council
- 17-FC-104: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Lake County Treasurer, Auditor, and Office of the Attorney
- 17-FC-102: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority
- 17-FC-86: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department
- 17-FC-82: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana Parole Board
- <u>17-FC-74: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of New</u> <u>Albany</u>
- <u>17-FC-72</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Town of Long <u>Beach</u>
- <u>17-FC-68: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Clinton County Government</u>
- <u>17-FC-67: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of Fort</u> <u>Wayne</u>
- <u>17-FC-64: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of Carmel;</u>
- <u>17-FC-63 Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Town of Long</u> <u>Beach</u>

- <u>17-FC-62</u>: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Delaware County Board of <u>Commissioners</u>;
- <u>17-FC-60: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Rush County Board of Commissioners;</u>
- <u>17-FC-57: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of Bicknell</u>
- <u>17-FC-53</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Wabash Valley <u>Correctional Facility</u>;
- <u>17-FC-52</u>: <u>Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Office of the</u> <u>Indiana Governor</u>;
- <u>17-FC-50: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners;</u>
- <u>17-FC-49</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the New Albany -Floyd County School Corporation;
- <u>17-FC-46: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Eastern Howard School</u> <u>Corporation;</u>
- <u>17-FC-45</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Tippecanoe <u>County Clerk of the Courts</u>;
- <u>17-FC-44</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Marion County <u>Clerk's Office;</u>
- <u>17-FC-43</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Orange County Sheriff's Department;
- <u>17-FC-42</u>: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the St. Joseph County Board of <u>Commissioners</u>;
- <u>17-FC-41: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the New Albany-Floyd County</u> <u>Consolidated School Corporation;</u>
- <u>17-FC-40: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Clark-Pleasant</u> <u>Community School Corporation;</u>
- <u>17-FC-35 & 17-FC-38</u>: Alleged Violations of the Access to Public Records Act by the City <u>of Evansville</u>;
- <u>17-FC-34</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the School Town of <u>Munster</u>;

- <u>17-FC-32</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Madison County Board of Commissioners;
- <u>17-FC-30: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana State</u> <u>Police;</u>
- <u>17-FC-29</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of Evansville, Engineering Department;
- <u>17-FC-28: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the LaPorte County Board of</u> <u>Commissioners;</u>
- <u>17-FC-27</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Perry Township <u>Schools</u>;
- <u>17-FC-26: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Indiana</u> <u>Department of Correction;</u>
- <u>17-FC-25</u>: Alleged Violations of the Access to Public Records Act and the Open Door Law by the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation;
- <u>17-FC-24</u>: <u>Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of New</u> <u>Albany</u>;
- <u>17-FC-21: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by Lisa Borgmann,</u> <u>Circuit & Superior Courts Clerk;</u>
- <u>17-FC-20: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Wabash County</u> <u>Coroner's Office;</u>
- <u>17-FC-17: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Warsaw</u> <u>Community High School;</u>
- <u>17-FC-16: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Fort Wayne Police</u> <u>Department;</u>
- <u>17-FC-15: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Indian Creek Township</u> (Lawrence County) Trustee;
- <u>17-FC-14: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Ball State University Board of Trustees;</u>
- <u>17-FC-13: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Office of Former</u> <u>Governor Mike Pence</u>;
- <u>17-FC-12</u>: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law and the Access to Public Records Act by the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation;

- <u>17-FC-11: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Town of Rocky Ripple;</u>
- <u>17-FC-10: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Marion County</u> <u>Prosecutor's Office;</u>
- <u>17-FC-09: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Hamilton</u> <u>Southeastern School District;</u>
- <u>17-FC-06,17-FC-07, 17-FC-08: (Consolidated): Alleged Violation of the Access to Public</u> <u>Records Act by the City of Richmond;</u>
- <u>17-FC-05: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the City of Lawrence;</u>
- <u>17-FC-03</u>: <u>Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Dearborn County,</u> <u>County Auditor's Office</u>:
- <u>17-FC-02</u>: Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Michigan City Area Schools;
- <u>17-FC-01: Alleged Violation of the Open Door Law by the Warrick County Board of</u> <u>Zoning Appeals:</u>

INFORMAL OPINIONS ISSUED IN RESPONSE TO FORMAL COMPLAINTS (IC 5-14-4-10(5).)

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<u>2016</u>

- <u>16-INF-19: Independent Vendors and the State Board of Education</u>
- <u>16-INF-20: Volunteer Fire Departments and the APRA;</u>
- <u>16-INF-21: Complaint against the Northeast Dubois School Corporation;</u>
- <u>16-INF-22: Complaint against the Indiana Department of Insurance;</u>
- <u>16-INF-23: Complaint against the New Ross Town Board;</u>
- <u>16-INF-24: Excessive Fees</u>
- <u>16-INF-25: Executive Sessions;</u>

- <u>16-INF-26: Timely production of records;</u>
- <u>16-INF-27: Open Door Violation</u>
- <u>16-INF-28: Subcommittees;</u>
- <u>16-INF-29: Open Door Violation;</u>
- <u>16-INF-30: Text Messages;</u>
- <u>16-INF-31: Transcript fees;</u>
- <u>16-INF-33</u>: Disclosure of records by Indiana State Department of Health;
- <u>16-INF-34: Executive Sessions;</u>

<u>2017</u>

- 17-INF-09 Confidential
- 17-INF-08: Attorney Invoices
- 17-INF-07: Reasonable Particularity
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- 17-INF-04 Confidential
- <u>17-INF-03: Search Fees and Electronic Records;</u>
- <u>17-INF-02: Private University Police Information;</u>
- <u>17-INF-01: Regional Planning Commissions;</u>