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Subject: SAO Response to PRR #5793 - University of Washington
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Dear Ms. Earl-Hubbard,

The Office of the Washington State Auditor has received and completed our response to your public records request sent in via email, as follows:

This is a Public Record Act (“PRA”) Request to your agency pursuant to RCW 42.56 by Allied Law Group, on behalf of its client People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (“PETA”). Please promptly provide the following records:

1. All prior judgments, settlement agreements or other agreements with the University of Washington or any of its agents or subdivisions resolving any Public Record Act (“PRA”) claim against the University of Washington or any of its agents or subdivisions including but not limited to claims asserted but not filed in court and claims filed in court. This request seeks records from 2000 to the present. Please search for and produce records in reverse chronological order starting with 2021, then 2020, then 2019, and so on.

2. All court orders or decisions or arbitration decisions or findings finding a violation of the PRA by the University of Washington or any of its agents or subdivisions including but not limited to claims asserted but not filed in court and claims filed in court. This request seeks records from 2000 to the present. Please search for and produce records in reverse chronological order starting with 2021, then 2020, then 2019, and so on.

3. Records revealing the amount paid by any entity or person including insurance companies or Risk Pools in connection with resolving any Public Record Act (“PRA”) claim against the University of Washington or any of its agents or subdivisions including but not limited to claims asserted but not filed in court and claims filed in court. This request seeks records from 2000 to the present. Please search for and produce records in reverse chronological order starting with 2021, then 2020, then 2019, and so on.

This request should be read to cover records meeting the definition of “public record” under RCW 42.56, and includes but is not limited to records in the custody or control of outside counsel, insurance companies or Risk Pools, or current or former employees, agents and officials.

I request these records be disclosed promptly in installments as soon as

possible. Please produce the records electronically as pdfs via electronic download or via email.

Pursuant to RCW 42.56.100, any records requested above may not be destroyed.

Should you claim records do not exist, please comply with Neighborhood Alliance of Spokane County v. County of Spokane, 172 Wn.2d 702, 261 P.3d 119 (2011), to establish an adequate search was performed to make such a determination.

Should you claim any record no longer exists, or has been destroyed, please identify the date of such destruction, the authority for such destruction, and the individual(s) who destroyed the record.

I look forward to your prompt response in accordance with RCW 42.56.520. Time is of the essence with this request. PETA is in the middle of litigation with the University of Washington, and the agency's appointed lawyers claim to be unable to locate all responsive records from their client the University of Washington hence requiring this PRA request to the your agency and other agencies within the State. We require these records immediately to comply with upcoming deadlines imposed by the Court where the requested records are relevant.

If you do not understand this request or any portion thereof, or if you feel you require clarification of this request or any portion thereof, please contact us at michele@alliedlawgroup.com or (206) 443-0200. We look forward to receiving the requested documents quickly. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

In response, our office does audit the University of Washington; however our office does not audit Public Records Act claims. The records you are seeking are not the types of records we would have included in our audit documentation related to University of Washington audits that we have performed. In addition, our retention for audit documentation is 5 years beyond the release date of the audit, so we would not have records back to 2000. Our audit work papers do not include:

- *All prior judgments, settlement agreements or other agreements with the University of Washington or any of its agents or subdivisions resolving any Public Record Act ("PRA") claim against the University of Washington or any of its agents or subdivisions including but not limited to claims asserted but not filed in court and claims filed in court.*
- *All court orders or decisions or arbitration decisions or findings finding a violation of the PRA by the University of Washington or any of its agents or subdivisions including but not limited to claims asserted but not filed in court and claims filed in court.*
- *Records revealing the amount paid by any entity or person including insurance companies or Risk Pools in connection with resolving any Public Record Act ("PRA") claim against the University of Washington or any of its agents or subdivisions including but not limited to claims*

asserted but not filed in court and claims filed in court.

You would need to contact the University of Washington directly for the records you are seeking. Since we have no responsive records to fulfill your request with us, we will now consider this closed. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or issues regarding your request.

Sincerely,



Mary Leider, CPRO

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