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August 31, 2012



FOI Request

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your *Freedom of Information (FOI)* request for access to information, which our office received on August 2, 2012. You requested access to all board reports and internal reports since 2005 concerning discretionary payments sought through the billing portal and paid out by Legal Aid Ontario.

Since *Section 90(1)* of the *Legal Aid Services Act* applies to the information you have requested, the information is not subject to disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*.

However, Legal Aid Ontario is committed to transparency and public access to information within the limits of its governing legislation. In that spirit, Legal Aid Ontario publishes information on its website which is of interest to the public. Information relevant to your request will soon be available on the Legal Aid Ontario website, at [www.lao.on.ca](http://www.lao.on.ca). I trust you will find this information helpful.

I am the person responsible for the decision to decline this request. You may ask for a review of this decision within 30 days of receiving this letter by writing to:

The Information and Privacy Commission/Ontario  
2 Bloor Street West, Suite 1400  
Toronto Ontario M4W 1A8  
Telephone 1-800-387-0073

If you decide to request a review of this decision, please provide the Commissioner's office with the following: the file number listed at the beginning of this letter; a copy of this decision letter; and a copy of the original request for information you sent to our institution.

In addition, you must send an appeal fee to the Commissioner's office. That appeal fee for other than personal information is \$25.00.

Sincerely,

Michelle Séguin on behalf of Robert W. Ward  
President/CEO