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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Access to Information Request No. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for access to information, which was received in this office on November 3, 2014, along with the \$5 application fee.

You requested the following records:

“The total dollar amounts of compensation earned by [REDACTED] for the following years: 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 from Legal Aid Ontario broken down by year”.

Because the information you seek is personal information, as defined under s.2 of FIPPA, s.21(1) of FIPPA prohibits me from disclosing that information.

The definition of “personal information” in s.2 of FIPPA means recorded information about an identifiable individual, including:

(b) information relating to the education or the medical, psychiatric, psychological, criminal or employment history of the individual or information relating to financial transactions in which the individual has been involved,

Personal information is not subject to disclosure under s.21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA). Section 21(1) states that a head shall refuse to disclose personal information to any person other than the individual to whom the information relates except in the following circumstances: (a) with the written consent of the individual to whom the information relates; (b) compelling circumstances affecting the health or safety of an individual; (c) the personal information has been specifically collected to create a record accessible to the general public; (d) disclosure is expressly permitted by statute; (e) for a research purpose if the disclosure is consistent with the conditions under which the information was collected; (f) disclosure does not constitute an unjustified invasion of privacy. None of these exemptions apply in this case.

In addition, section 21(3)(f) states that a disclosure of personal information is presumed to constitute an unjustified invasion of personal privacy where the

personal information describes an individual's finances, income, assets, liabilities, net worth, bank balances, financial history or activities, or creditworthiness.

Accordingly, I cannot release the requested records.

Pursuant to FIPPA, I have been designated as the head of the institution and as such am responsible for this decision. 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. The appeal fee for general information is \$25.00.

Yours truly,

Robert W. Ward
President/CEO
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