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In re: Uriah M. Pasha/Kentucky Court of Appeals

Summary: The Open Records Act (“the Act”) does not apply to the records of the Kentucky Court of Appeals (the “Court”).

Open Records Decision

On April 17, 2024, Uriah M. Pasha (“Appellant”) submitted a request to the Court for a copy of the “case history docket sheet” and the “last order” related to case no. 2024-CA-0151-CA. On May 17, 2024, having received no response to his request, the Appellant initiated this appeal.

Although KRS 61.880(2) charges the Attorney General with the duty to resolve disputes regarding access to public records, the Act is not binding on the judicial branch. *Ex parte Farley*, 570 S.W.2d 617, 624 (Ky. 1978). Because the Act does not apply to court records, the Court was not required to respond to the request. See 98-ORD-6. Accordingly, the Office dismisses the appeal.¹

A party aggrieved by this decision may appeal it by initiating an action in the appropriate circuit court under KRS 61.880(5) and KRS 61.882 within 30 days from the date of this decision. Under KRS 61.880(3), the Attorney General shall be notified of any action in circuit court, but shall not be named as a party in that action or in any subsequent proceedings. The Attorney General will accept notice of the complaint emailed to OAGAppeals@ky.gov.

¹ The Office notes that the Supreme Court of Kentucky has adopted its own policies and procedures for requesting copies of court records from the judicial branch. Information on requesting court records is posted on the Court of Justice website at <https://www.kycourts.gov/Pages/open-records-request.aspx> (last accessed June 18, 2024).

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