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**Re: Public Records Request**

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

The Commission is in receipt of your correspondence dated August 14, 2014 and sent to our prior location. Ms. Kennerly has retired and is no longer employed by the Commission. The members of the Commission are unpaid volunteers and are not employees of the State of Florida by virtue of their service on the Commission. The list of present members is found at [www.floridajqc.com](http://www.floridajqc.com).

Without addressing whether the Commission is subject to the Florida Public Records Law, since the J.Q.C. is so small, the Office of State Courts functions as our employing governmental agency and maintains the personnel files for all Commission employees. This office does not independently maintain those files. I do not know State Courts' policies regarding public records requests.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Schneider".

Michael L. Schneider  
Executive Director and  
General Counsel

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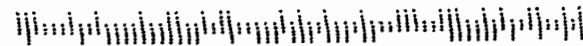
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VIA U.P.S. No.: 1Z64589FP295546110  
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August 14, 2014

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RE: Public Records Request, Article I, Section 24, Florida Constitution  
"A Public Office is a Public Trust" Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution

Dear Mr. Schneider and Ms. Kennerly:

This is a request for records of your executed loyalty oaths required under F.S. § 876.05 Public employees; oath, as recipients of public funds from the state of Florida that you support the Constitution of the United States, and of the State of Florida.

Enclosed is my list of JQC Commission members as of December 19, 2013. Please advise me if this list is current. This is a request for records of the executed loyalty oaths for each member of the Commission that they support the Constitution of the United States, and of the State of Florida, whether under F.S. § 876.05, or Article II, Section 5(b), Florida Constitution, or any other legal authority, *see* section 876.09, Florida Statutes, Scope of law

876.09 Scope of law.—

(1) The provisions of ss. 876.05-876.10 shall apply to all employees and elected officers of the state, including the Governor and constitutional officers and all employees and elected officers of all cities, towns, counties, and political subdivisions, including the educational system.

(2) This act shall take precedence over all laws relating to merit, and of civil service law.

In addition to the Commission members, provide for JQC employees records of executed loyalty oaths required under F.S. § 876.05 Public employees; oath, as recipients of public funds from the state of Florida that each supports the Constitution of the United States, and the State of Florida.

Thank you in advance for the courtesy of a response.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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