

Andrzejewski/OpenTheBooks.com follow-up questions regarding
Attorney General contracts/campaign donors
Adam Andrzejewski

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Wed 2/15, 11:56 AM

Edmunson Kristina <kristina.edmunson@doj.state.or.us>

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Please forward to the proper person, many thanks. I just called the phone # below, they said that you are still checking email.

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Edmunson Kristina <kristina.edmunson@doj.state.or.us>

Wed 2/15, 11:34 AM

I'm out of the office through Feb 22. If you are on deadline, please call our main AG office at 503-378-6002, and we will direct your inquiry to the correct person. Thank you! Kristina

Adam Andrzejewski

Wed 2/15, 11:34 AM

Hi Kristina,

You stated earlier via email that the Attorney General is 'typically not involved with the hiring of Special Assistant Attorney Generals...' But, your statement didn't provide an answer to my follow-up questions.

if you could be so kind to answer my questions reproduced again here:

If not typically involved in the law firm selection, then in the cases where the Attorney General was/is involved, **which firm(s) were the attorney general involved with hiring?** In the absence of the attorney general involvement, **who** in the department hires, extends or modifies the law firm contracts? Please lend some **practical clarity to the procurement process and individuals in charge of that process.**

I did not ask about law firm assignments -- after contract issuance; but, thank you, it is helpful. Just to clarify your answer, **the attorney general is not involved in law firm or attorney assignments either?**

Adam

Adam Andrzejewski (say: Angie-f-ski)

EK

Edmunson Kristina <kristina.edmunson@doj.state.or.us>

Wed 2/15, 10:32 AM

Hi Adam,

Deputy Attorney General Fred Boss works with DOJ's legal counsel and contract attorneys to assign special assignments. Decisions to hire a particular Special Assistant Attorney General are based on skill set, availability and best value (i.e.: rate).

Thanks,
Kristina

On Feb 14, 2017, at 6:44 PM, Adam Andrzejewski
<Adam@openthebooks.com<mailto:Adam@openthebooks.com>> wrote:

Hi Kristina,

Thank you for the response. Which firms was the attorney general involved with hiring? In the absence of the attorney general involvement, who in the department hires, extends or modifies the law firm contracts? Please lend some practical clarity to the procurement process.

Adam

From: Edmunson Kristina
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Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 8:20:44 PM
To: Adam Andrzejewski
Subject: RE: Andrzejewski/OpenTheBooks.com<http://openthebooks.com> followup questions regarding Attorney General contracts/campaign donors

Hi Adam,

It's good to hear from you. I would direct you to ORS 279A.025(2)(k) which outlines that the public contracting code does not apply to "Contracts entered into under ORS chapter 180 between the Attorney General and private counsel or special legal assistants."

Here is the link to the ORS:

https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors279A.html

The attorney general is not typically involved with the hiring of Special Assistant Attorney Generals, and she was not involved in selecting the five law firms mentioned in your article. Most, if not all, of the firms have had a long and successful working relationship with Oregon DOJ spanning years, if not decades.

I am not able to answer questions about fundraising, or the AG's political campaigns.

Thanks,
Kristina

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Adam Andrzejewski

Tue 2/14, 2:32 PM

**REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF OREGON LAW AND ON-THE-RECORD RESPONSE
TO GOVERNANCE QUESTIONS**

Hi Kristina,

Some follow up questions for Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum regarding state contractors and their political donations to statewide Oregon office holders: 1. specifically, what is the procurement process regarding letting 'personal services contracts' to law firms by the Department of Justice? Are these law firm contracts subject to a competitive bidding or procurement process under Oregon law? 2. Is the attorney general thinking about returning her own campaign donations from law firms who hold, initiate, modify or amend contracts with her Department of Justice?

If the answer to question #2 is no, then please make a public policy argument as to why the attorney general feels justified in fundraising from law firms holding Department of Justice contracts.

I am doing a follow-up editorial for Oregon newspapers or national media regarding Oregon's current policy allowing state contractors to give campaign donations to statewide office holders. The attorney general's input and perspective is much appreciated.

My deadline is tomorrow morning at 10am PT.

Thank you.

Adam

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