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In re: Ryan-James Lloyd/Campbell Circuit Court Clerk

Summary: The Open Records Act (“the Act”) does not apply to records of the Campbell Circuit Court Clerk (“the Clerk”).

Open Records Decision

On August 25, 2025, Ryan-James Lloyd (“Appellant”) submitted a five-part request to the Clerk for records related to a particular civil case. Having received no response by October 23, 2025, 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 Clerk, who is purportedly the custodian of the requested records, 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

¹ The request provided by the Appellant is titled “Request for Discovery,” is directed to the Clerk, and states that it is being submitted pursuant to the Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure and the Act. The request was also stamped as filed in a civil action in the Campbell Circuit Court. To the extent the document is construed as a request under the Act, the Act does not apply to the Clerk or its records. Moreover, to the extent the document is a motion filed in a pending civil action, the Office lacks jurisdiction to adjudicate the merits of that motion. *See* KRS 61.880(2)(a) (limiting the Office to issuing a “decision stating whether the agency violated provisions of” the Act). The Office has no role with respect to discovery disputes in civil actions.

any subsequent proceedings. The Attorney General will accept notice of the complaint emailed to OAGAppeals@ky.gov.

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