

Before the Presiding Judges of the Administrative Judicial Regions

Per Curiam Rule 12 Decision

APPEAL NO.: 18-004

RESPONDENT: Bell County District Courts

DATE: June 6, 2018

SPECIAL COMMITTEE: Judge Stephen B. Ables, Chairman; Judge Olen Underwood; Judge Sid Harle, Judge Missy Medary; Judge Dean Rucker

Petitioner requested the opportunity to inspect documents regarding a specific individual's application for placement on the "Attorneys and/or Guardians Ad Litem" list maintained by Respondents and the minutes of specific meetings in which the "Attorneys and/or Guardians Ad Litem" list was considered by Respondents. After failing to receive a response to his request, Petitioner filed a complaint with the Office of Court Administration. The complaint was forwarded to the presiding judges of the administrative judicial regions for review as a Rule 12 appeal.¹

In their response to Petitioner's complaint, Respondents note that the local administrative judge had not received Petitioner's request prior to receiving notice of Petitioner's appeal. Additionally, Respondents note that since receiving notice of the request they have provided Petitioner with a copy of the only document responsive to his request.

Based on our review of the information provided to this committee, we conclude that the responsive records have been provided to Petitioner.² Accordingly, the appeal is dismissed.

¹ Intentionally failing to respond to a request for judicial records is a violation of Rule 12.6(b) of the Rules of Judicial Administration.

² Because the requested records have been provided, we need not address whether they are judicial records subject to Rule 12.