



U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division

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Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Branch - BICN
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Washington, DC 20530
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Austin R. Evers
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Washington, DC 20005

Kristen Clarke
President and Executive Director
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Dear Mr. Evers and Ms. Clarke:

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated August 30, 2017, in which you requested records related to any Department of Justice or Department of Education investigation of admissions policies, practices, procedures, or criteria at Harvard University or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Regarding your request for records pertaining to the University of North Carolina, the Division has conducted a thorough search and I have determined that there are no records that are responsive to this portion of your request.

Please be advised that records you have requested related to investigations of admissions policies are exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A), which concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. Additionally, certain information within these records is also exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which concerns certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege and the attorney work-product privilege.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, April Freeman, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at:

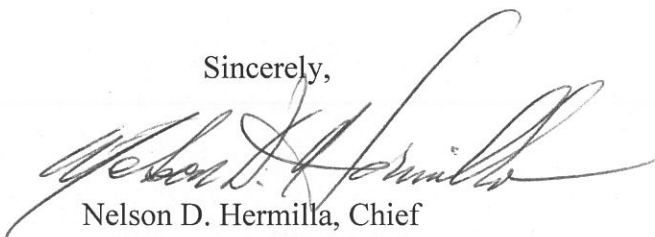
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Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information

Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the Civil Rights Division's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home> . Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nelson D. Hermilla", written in a cursive style.

Nelson D. Hermilla, Chief
Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Branch
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