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Nicholas Cotten, Records custodian
Superior Court Clerk's Office
Fulton County Courthouse
136 Pryor St SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: FOIA request for court information in State of Georgia v. Trump et al
Via email only to nicholas.cotten@fultoncountyga.gov

Dear Mr. Cotten:

Pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Act § 50.18.70 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of the following public records, all related to *State of Georgia v. Donald Trump et al*, 23SC188947 (Trump criminal case):

- 1) Records showing any and all docket numbers or other identifiers, of each filing in the case;
- 2) A complete set of all documents filed by all defendants except Trump;
- 3) A feed that will provide me with all filings in the Trump criminal case, regardless of who filed the document; and,
- 4) Copies of all stricken filings.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$25. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the proceedings against Donald Trump and his codefendants.

I am attempting to make all these documents available online, for free. I have already downloaded and posted an older version of the official docket, plus [all the document items in Trump's case](#) that are publicly available.

I've been paying 50 cents a page to Tyler Technologies. That appears to me to violate Georgia Code § 50-18-71(c)(2), which provides:

- (2) In addition to a charge for the search, retrieval, or redaction of records, an agency may charge a fee for the copying of records or data, **not to exceed 10**

cent(s) per page for letter or legal size documents or, in the case of other documents, the actual cost of producing the copy. In the case of electronic records, the agency may charge the actual cost of the media on which the records or data are produced.
(Emphasis added)

I've downloaded a lot of legal documents, from court systems all over the country. I don't think I've ever seen one this expensive, cumbersome, and glitchy. If I am relegated to the customary online system, it will be for all practical purposes impossible to maintain a set of filings in real time.

I know that someone maintains docket or document numbers. I've seen references to docket numbers in court orders. I want to make my numbers consistent with the court's document numbers. I can't do that if I don't have reliable access to those numbers. That's why I'm requesting that information.

Also, I see the name of a certain individual who attempted to file as amicus curiae, friend of the court. The filing was stricken. I want to see what was stricken. I'm not trying to disagree with the striking of the document. I just want a copy, so I can see it and make it available to the public.

The Georgia Open Records Act requires a response time within three business days. I hope that you will be able to respond to me much more quickly than that. As you know this is a fast moving criminal case with much public interest. Feel free to call or text. I generally respond to emails fairly quickly.

I've requested that fees be waived. I've already spent a lot of time and money on 49 pleadings downloaded thus far. Tyler Technologies hits my account twice for every single document, once for the 50 cent per page charge, once for the "convenience fee." My bank statement will be terribly cluttered, even if I don't download any more.

If you give me a feed to all filings, the same as a feed for a lawyer on the case, it won't cost the government any money. Pleadings will simply hit my screen just like they hit the screens of counsel for the defendants, counsel for the press, etc. I'll get a free copy, and share it with the world. If anyone else asks for this same information, you can simply refer them to my website.

If you can't see your way clear to waive fees, I'm willing to pay 10 cents per page, if I can get a feed, the same as a litigant would get. I'm willing to post money up front, and replenish the fund when it gets low. My goal is to get pleadings posted online very quickly, fast enough that it doesn't make sense for the press to get pleadings anywhere else.

If so required, I will also pay 10 cents a page for pleadings filed by the other 18 defendants. As you can see, I have what I believe to be a complete set of Trump's filings. I don't want more copies of that. I want unique pleadings filed by the other defendants, one time. Getting these filings from Tyler Technologies would be an utter nightmare. I don't want to have to ask the press, press counsel, or defense counsel for these documents.

If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request. The favor of a prompt acknowledgement of receipt would be greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards,

/s/ Oscar Stilley

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