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Mr. Scott Wittkopf bdgrdemocracy@gmail.com Badget Democracy Blog

Dear Mr. Wittkopf:

On August 22, 2012, you sent an email to Court Information Officer Tom Sheehan, making open records requests of Justice David Prosser. You asked for:

- 1. Schedule for Justice Prosser to include meetings and conferences from 7/1/12-8/21/12.
- 2. Any communication or correspondence with or from Brian Schimming from 7/1/12–8/21/12.

The Supreme Court has on previous occasions withheld decision on whether it is subject to the open records law. However, in response to your request, Justice Prosser has reviewed your request and made the following determinations:

- 1. Your request for Justice Prosser's schedule is overbroad in that it would include social events and matters of personal privacy having nothing to do with public business. If honored, your request would create a precedent that would threaten the independence of the judiciary and is, therefore, deemed unreasonable.
- 2. Justice Prosser responds to your second request as follows: Justice Prosser has had no meetings or conferences with Brian Schimming during the subject period. Brian Schimming called Justice Prosser's office in August. However, Justice Prosser was not available at the time and did not return the phone call. There was no personal correspondence between Brian Schimming and Justice Prosser during the period at issue.

Sincerely,

Pam Radloff

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Cc: Justice David T. Prosser, Jr.