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Ms. Barbara Goolsby
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RE: Your Freedom of Information Act Appeal

Dear Ms. Goolsby:

This is a response to your May 19, 1998 appeal of the Legal Services Corporation's response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the 1997 application for funding submitted to the Corporation by Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. (LSGM). You specifically appealed the withholding of Parts 1 and 2A(2) and (6) of LSGM's application. These records were withheld because they were identified as protected under Section 552(b)(4) of the FOIA, which exempts from disclosure trade secrets and commercial or financial information, obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential. This exemption protects proprietary information which is information that is the product of a proprietor, the release of which would harm the competitive advantage of the proprietor.

I reverse the determination to withhold the records. I have reviewed current law and the records that were withheld and have determined that release of the records submitted by LSGM will not harm their competitive advantage. I have directed my staff to forward the records to you with this letter.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional assistance.

Sincerely,


John McKay
President

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