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*Sent via email*

Dear Mr. Hardy:

This is a request for public records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I am asking for responsive documents related to legal and other consulting fees that the university has paid or been invoiced for that were not included in this type of request August 28.

Please make available the following public records:

- Copies of any contracts, bills, invoices, time sheets, and other supporting documentation from law firms hired by the University of Illinois and/or its affiliated agencies (the Foundation or Alumni Association) for work related to admissions issues. Please also include copies of any payments made to the law firms.
- Copies of any contracts, bills, invoices, time sheets and other supporting documentation from Hill & Knowlton or other public relations agencies hired by the University of Illinois and/or its affiliated agencies for work related to admissions issues. Please also include copies of any payments made to the public relations firms.
- Copies of any contracts, bills, invoices, time sheets and other supporting documentation from any other consultants hired by the University of Illinois and/or its affiliated agencies for work related to admissions issues. Please also include copies of any payments made to these consultants.

As this request is made in my capacity as a journalist, time is of the utmost concern. If for some reason you feel any record or portion thereof is exempt from public scrutiny, please redact that portion in dispute, provide an explanation of the precise nature of the information redacted, and cite a specific statutory authority under which you are doing so.

Should you have any problems fulfilling this request please feel free to contact me at (312) 222- 3466 or at [jscohen@tribune.com](mailto:jscohen@tribune.com). Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jodi S. Cohen