

Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans
STATE OF LOUISIANA

No: 2017 - 04581

Division/Section: N-08

WASHINGTON, EMILY
versus
CANNIZZARO, LEON

Date Case Filed: 5/12/2017

NOTICE OF SIGNING OF JUDGMENT

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In accordance with Article 1913 C.C.P., you are hereby notified that Judgment
in the above entitled and numbered cause was signed on July 27, 2020

New Orleans, Louisiana
July 27, 2020



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CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 17-4581

DIVISION "N"

SECTION 8

EMILY WASHINGTON

VERSUS

**LEON CANNIZZARO, JR. IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR ORLEANS PARISH**

JUDGMENT

This matter came before the court on February 3, 2020, on a Writ of Mandamus filed on behalf of plaintiff, Emily Washington. At the close of oral argument, the court granted counsel leave of court to file post-trial memoranda of law. These memoranda have now been considered.

**PRESENT: James W. Craig and Hannah A. Lommers-Johnson,
Counsel for Plaintiff**

David M. Fink, Counsel for Defendant

Considering the law and evidence:

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that there be judgment herein in favor of plaintiff, Emily Washington and against defendant, Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr., in his official capacity as the District Attorney for Orleans Parish finding that defendant acted arbitrarily and capriciously in failing to produce to plaintiff the documents she requested in her Public Records Request of May 7, 2015.

The court further finds defendant did not produce documents responsive to plaintiff's Public Records Request until June 14, 2019. Excluding weekends and public holidays from the calculation, as required by La. R.S. 44:35 (E)(1), there were

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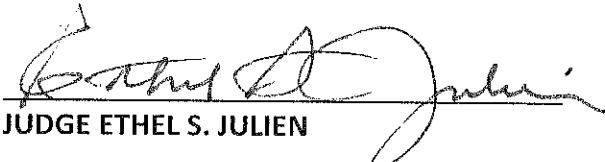
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one thousand, twenty-nine (1,029) days of non-disclosure for which statutory penalties can be assessed. The court assesses defendant's penalty for its arbitrary and capricious failure to produce the records at fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day, for one thousand, twenty-nine (1,029) days, which is fifty-one thousand, four hundred, fifty dollars (\$51,450.00). This sum is to be paid within twenty (20) days of the date of Notice of Signing of Judgment.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 44:35(D), the court further awards plaintiff attorneys fees, not to exceed the amounts approved by the attorney general for the employment of outside counsel. [See La. R.S. 42:262.]

New Orleans, Louisiana this 27 day of July, 2020.


JUDGE ETHEL S. JULIEN

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