

STATE OF LOUISIANA

No: 2019 - 01916

Division/Section: N-08

BIXBY, LAURA  
versus  
ARNOLD, COLLIN ET AL

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CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 10-1016

DIVISION "N"

SECTION 8

LAURA BIXBY

VERSUS

COLLIN ARNOLD

REASONS FOR JUDGMENT

FACTS:

a public records request pursuant to La. R.S. 44:31, directing City of New Orleans

locations of cameras.”

[See paragraph 11 in the Petition and Amended Petition.]

Plaintiff then filed a Petition For Writ of Mandamus pursuant to the Louisiana Public Records Law, La. R.S. 33:35(A); and, Plaintiff seeks penalties pursuant to La. R.S. 35( E ) and 44:37 due to Defendant’s alleged intentional, unreasonable, and arbitrary denial of these valid public records [See the prayer in the Petition and the Amended Petition.]

**LAW:**

The public’s right of access to public records is a fundamental right, guaranteed by the Constitution. Which “must be construed liberally in favor of free and unrestricted access to the records.” [Title Research Corp. v. Rausch, 450 So.2d 933, 936 (La. 1984).]

Access can be denied “only when a law, specifically and unequivocally, provides otherwise.” [Title Research Corp., supra.] “Whenever there is doubt as to whether the public has the right of access to certain records, the doubt must be resolved in favor of the public’s right to see.” [Title Research Corp., supra.]

