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I am in receipt of your correspondence, which was received in our office on October 28, 2016, which references a request for records related to payments, contracts and minutes relative to Brian Towne.

FIRST DISTRICT:
ANITA ALVAREZ
STATE'S ATTORNEY
COOK COUNTY

Pursuant to statute (725 ILCS 210/3) the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor is a judicial agency of state government. Pursuant to the express provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/2), its mandates are applicable to a "public body" which include:

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"legislative, executive, administrative, or advisory bodies of the State, state universities and colleges, counties, townships, cities, villages, incorporated towns, school districts and all other municipal corporations, boards, bureaus, committees, or commissions of this State, any subsidiary bodies of any of the foregoing including but not limited to committees and subcommittees thereof, and a School Finance Authority created under Article 1E of the School Code."

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Despite its inapplicability to this Agency, we believe that transparency is an important goal of our Agency, and to that end, we have consistently tried to disclose information which is otherwise readily available or which is not otherwise inconsistent with the public safety purposes of the Agency.

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JUSTIN HOOD
STATE'S ATTORNEY
HAMILTON COUNTY

With regards to your specific requests, please find attached all documents within our Agency responsive to your request. I would note that your inquiry seems to be focused on Mr. Towne's functions with our CLE program, however, your inquiry could be interpreted to include contracts and payments related to grants as well as mileage reimbursements for his travel to and from Board meetings.

BRENDAN F. KELLY
STATE'S ATTORNEY
ST. CLAIR COUNTY

There are no minutes related to a contract with Mr. Towne for teaching courses on behalf of ILSAAP, nor on whether to hire Mr. Towne in the first place, as those are covered as "Professional and Artistic" contracts under \$20,000 in value. As such, those administrative and ministerial decisions (you will note that we have a number of outstanding faculty members) are generally left to the Director's discretion per years of Board practice.

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We believe that this fully complies with your request but you may contact me if you need additional clarification. You have a right to seek review of this determination with the Public Access Counselor who can be contacted at 500 S. Second Street, Springfield, IL 62701.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew P. Jones
Associate Director/Public Records Compliance Officer