

February 14th, 2022

BY EMAIL:foia@oag.state.va.us

Office of the Virginia Attorney General
202 North Ninth Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear FOIA Officer:

I [REDACTED] makes this request for records from the Virginia Attorney General's Office pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700, *et seq.*) of the Code of Virginia.

Specifically, I request:

1. All records relating to Attorney General Jason Miyares' decision to terminate Mr. Thomas Heaphy from his position as university counsel at the University of Virginia, including but not limited to records reflecting the final decision to terminate Mr. Heaphy and the rationale for that decision.¹
2. All records relating to Attorney General Jason Miyares' decision to terminate personnel appointed by the Attorney General who are employed by other institutions including, but not limited to, Virginia public colleges and universities. This request includes but is not limited to records reflecting the final decision to terminate said personnel and the rationale for those decisions.²
3. All records relating to Attorney General Jason Miyares' decision to terminate certain personnel within the Virginia Attorney General's Office, including 17 attorneys and 13 other staff members. This request includes but is not limited to records reflecting the final decision to terminate said personnel and the rationale for those decisions.³

¹Michael S. Schmidt, Top Jan. 6 Investigator Fired From Post at the University of Virginia, *The New York Times*, January 23, 2022,

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/23/us/politics/jan-6-investigator-fired-university-of-virginia.html>

²Sevanny Campos, Republican Virginia Attorney General Fires Jan. 6 Investigator from University Post, *CNBC*, January 24, 2022,

<https://www.cnbc.com/2022/01/24/republican-virginia-attorney-general-fires-january-6-investigator-from-university.html>.

³Preston Steger, Jason Miyares shakes up staff before becoming Virginia's attorney general, *13NewsNow*, January 14, 2022,

<https://www.13newsnow.com/article/news/politics/jason-miyares-virginia-attorney-general-staff/291>

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4. All official rules or guidance related to the Attorney General's authority to fire, discipline or remove employees of the Virginia Office of the Attorney General or personnel appointed by the Attorney General, who are employed by other institutions including, but not limited to, Virginia public colleges and universities.

5. All records relating to the social media comments of former Deputy Attorney General Monique Miles concerning the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol.⁴

Please search for responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. I seek records of any kind, including paper records, electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, photographs, data, and graphical material. My request includes without limitation all correspondence, letters, emails, text messages, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages, and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations, or discussions. My request also includes any attachments to emails and other records, as well as emails to which the subjects of this request were cc'ed or bcc'ed.

If it is your position that any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, please provide an index of records or categories of records that have been withheld and the reasons the records or categories of records have been withheld. If some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please redact those portions and produce the remainder of the requested records. This request is made for noncommercial purposes. The release of information obtained through this request is not in my financial interest.

Conclusion

If you have any questions about this request or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact me at takintola@citizensforethics.org. Where possible, please produce records in electronic format. Please send the requested records to me at [REDACTED].

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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⁴Jesus Jimenez and Christine Chung, Praise for Jan. 6 Costs Virginia Deputy Attorney General Her Job,

The New York Times, February 10, 2022,
<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/02/10/us/monique-miles-virginia-resigns.html>.