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State of Texas

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Ms. Merri Schneider-Vogel
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OR91-579

Dear Ms. Schneider-Vogel:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 13857.

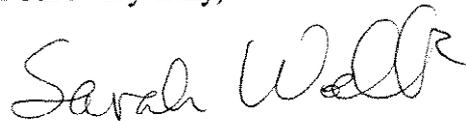
The Friendswood Independent School District (the district), which you represent, has received a request for all correspondence between the district and your law firm for fiscal year 1990. Although you do not object to release of some of the requested information (exhibit B), you claim that the remainder (exhibit A) is excepted from required public disclosure by sections 3(a)(1) and 3(a)(7) of the Open Records Act.

Although this office has frequently cited section 3(a)(1) to except from disclosure information within the attorney-client privilege, the privilege is more specifically covered under section 3(a)(7). Open Records Decision No. 574 (1990). Open Records Decision No. 574 held that the protection of section 3(a)(7) was limited to information that revealed client confidences to an attorney or that revealed the attorney's legal advice. That opinion noted that, in general, an attorney's "mere documentation of calls made, meetings attended, or memos sent is not protected under section 3(a)(7)." *Id.* at 7. Such documentation would be excepted under section 3(a)(7) only if it revealed client confidences or attorney advice. Accordingly, the application of section 3(a)(7) to attorney fee bills must be determined on a case-by-case basis. Open Records Decision No. 589 (1991).

Having examined the documents submitted to us for review, we conclude that the documents may be withheld from required public disclosure under section 3(a)(7).

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR91-579.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Woelk".

Sarah Woelk
Assistant Attorney General
Opinion Committee

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Enclosures: Open Records Decisions No. 574, 589

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