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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. John Dewey  
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Dear Mr. Dewey:

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# 19247.

The City of Lake Jackson (the "city") has received a request for "a computer print-out of people who [have] received tickets in the City of Lake Jackson and who [have] requested defensive driving." You have informed us that the records are held by the municipal court clerk. The Open Records Act is not applicable to records of the judiciary. *See* V.T.C.S. art. 6252-17a, § 2(1)(H); Open Records Decision No. 274 (1981) ("The Open Records Act neither authorizes information held by the judiciary to be withheld nor requires it to be disclosed") (citing Open Records Decision No. 25 (1974) at 1). Accordingly, the requested information is not available under that statute; the availability of the requested records is governed by other law. *See, e.g.*, Local Gov't Code § 191.006 ("All records belonging to the office of the county clerk to which access is not otherwise restricted by law or by court order shall be open to the public at all reasonable times. A member of the public may make a copy of any of the records").

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 contact this office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary R. Crouter".

Mary R. Crouter  
Assistant Attorney General  
Opinion Committee

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Enclosures: submitted documents

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