

Dallas Public Fraud Prevention Services

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Addison, TX 75001-0455

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June 21, 2004

Ms. Mary K. Suhm
Dallas City Manager
1500 Marilla Street, Room 4EN
Dallas, Texas 75201-6390

**RE: Texas Public Information Act - Open Records Request
Dallas Police & Fire Pension System
ID # 0301-024**

Dear Ms. Suhm:

Richard Tettamant has held the position of Administrator of the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System since 1993. He also served as Assistant Administrator of the Pension System for eight years. He joined the Pension System in 1982 ([Exhibit "A"](#)).

Gerald Brown has served continuously on the Board of Trustees since 1983. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and is a member of the Administrative Advisory Committee ([Exhibit "B"](#)).

During 1993, the law firm of Lawson & Fields, P.C. was incorporated. During its many years as outside legal counsel for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System, the firm's name has changed, most recently to Lawson Fields & Calhoun, P.C. ([Exhibit "C"](#), [Exhibit "D"](#)). Pursuant to Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, please identify the date of the first contract for legal services between the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System and its outside legal counsel, Lawson Fields & Calhoun, P.C., and/or its member attorneys.

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Richard Tettamant Biography

Richard Tettamant has held the position of Administrator of the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System since 1993. He also served as Assistant Administrator of the Pension System for eight years.

He joined the Pension System in 1982. In addition to his 20+ years of Pension System management, Richard has been an employee-elected trustee of the City of Dallas 401(k) Board of Trustees for more than 10 years and currently serves as Chairman.

He is an active member of the TEXPERS (Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems), NCPERS (National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems), and IFEBP (International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans). He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Gerald Brown Biography

Mr. Brown has served continuously on the Board of Trustees since 1983. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and is a member of the Administrative Advisory Committee. He has served the citizens of Dallas, Texas since 1975 as a firefighter, currently holding the rank of Lieutenant.

Lt. Brown is an active member of the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (TEXPERS), the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS), and has served as an Advisory Board member of the Real Estate Investments for Pension Funds. He has been a speaker at numerous pension seminars and conferences. He attended the University of Texas at Arlington.

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Company Information	LAWSON & FIELDS P C 14135 MIDWAY RD STE 250 ADDISON, TX 75001-3632
Status	IN GOOD STANDING NOT FOR DISSOLUTION OR WITHDRAWAL THROUGH MAY 15, 2003
Registered Agent	GARY B LASWON 6308 WILDERNESS CT. DALLAS, TX 75240
Registered Agent Resignation Date	
State of Incorporation	TX
File Number	0091812902
Charter/COA Date	February 5, 1993
Charter/COA Type	CHARTER
Taxpayer Number	17524666413

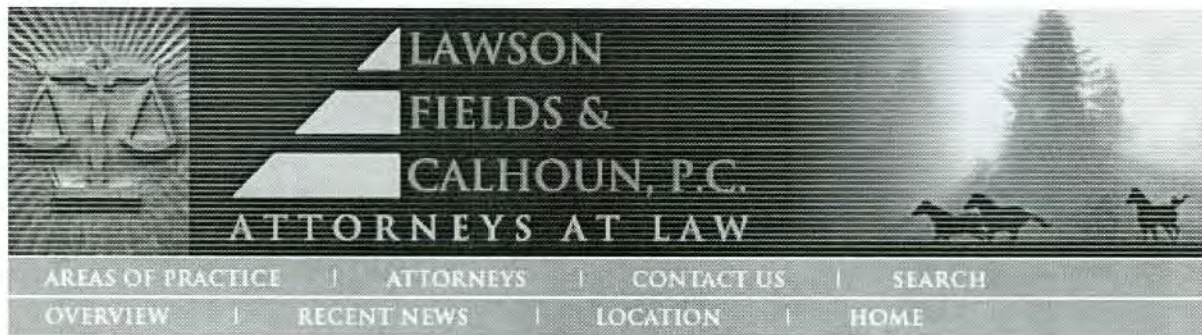
Texas Taxes / Certification of Account Status**Officers and Directors:****LAWSON & FIELDS P C**

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August 5, 2004

Texas Attorney General
Open Records Division
Education & Enforcement
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 787110

**RE: Texas Public Information Act - Open Records Requests
Dallas Police & Fire Pension System
ID # 0301-900**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, the following Open Records Requests regarding the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System were issued during June 2004:

<u>Attachment</u>	<u>ID Number</u>	<u>First Request</u>	<u>Second Request</u>	<u>Third Request</u>
1	0301-033	06-10-04	07-01-04	07-15-04
2	0301-090	06-10-04	07-01-04	07-15-04
3	0301-091	06-10-04	07-01-04	07-15-04
4	0301-092	06-21-04	07-12-04	07-19-04
5	0301-093	06-21-04	07-12-04	07-19-04
6	0301-075	06-21-04	07-12-04	07-19-04
7	0301-076	06-21-04	07-12-04	07-19-04
8	0301-024	06-21-04	07-12-04	07-19-04

Despite both a second and third written attempt to obtain the information requested, we have not received a response (without exception) to any of the above listed Open Records Requests. Respectfully, we are requesting that the Office of the Attorney General, Open Records Division, intervene at this time for the purpose of compelling production of the information requested.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated assistance in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT "1"

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June 10, 2004

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Dallas, Texas 75201-6390

**RE: Texas Public Information Act - Open Records Request
Dallas Police & Fire Pension System
ID # 0301-033**

Dear Ms. Suhm:

On April 14, 2000, the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System acquired seven commercial properties in and around the downtown Dallas Victory Project area, to include the four-story office building now used by the Pension System for its offices and Board room.

On May 31, 2000, Kathryn A. Cox, Assistant Administrator for the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System, submitted her letter of resignation. A City of Dallas employee, Ms. Cox was compensated directly by the City of Dallas payroll for her services with the Pension System (Exhibit "A").

On June 2, 2000, the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System issued a payment in the amount of \$21,600.00 to Ms. Cox (Exhibit "B"). Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, please identify the reason for distributing \$21,600.00 in pension assets to Kathryn Cox following her resignation of May 31, 2000.

Secondly, please identify any and all payments made by the Pension System to third-parties on behalf of Kathryn Cox during calendar year 2000. Finally, please provide a copy of IRS Form 1099 as issued by the Pension System in support of all payments made to and on behalf its former Assistant Administrator, Kathryn A. Cox, during calendar year 2000.

Please note that we are requesting that your office provide information responsive to this Open Records Request, and that a written itemized statement of estimated charges be provided in advance of work being started should the estimated charge exceed \$10.

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RE: Texas Public Information Act - Open Records Request
Dallas Police & Fire Pension System
ID # 0301-090

Dear Ms. Suhm:

Each year the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System publishes an Annual Report that includes, among other items, a summary of events that occurred during that calendar year. The Year 2001 in Review section of the Pension System's 2001 Annual Report issued under transmittal to the Mayor and Dallas City Council includes the following statement (Exhibit "A"):

"The System acquired a four-story office building situated north of downtown Dallas on North Akard Street at the intersection of Cedar Springs Road. The System office occupies the second floor of the building, with the Board room and Conference Center located on the first floor."

In fact, the aforementioned office building was actually purchased by the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System on April 14, 2000, as part of seven commercial properties in and around the Dallas Victory Project area, and not during 2001 as stated in its 2001 Annual Report. A copy of a contemporaneous surveyor's map and filed deed indicating April 14, 2000, as the true and correct date of acquisition by the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System are enclosed for your perusal (Exhibit "B").

We take seriously the responsibility of public reporting, and are concerned by the erroneous information noted above. Respectfully, we request that the City Manager's office provide an explanation at the earliest possible time.

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**RE: Texas Public Information Act - Open Records Request
Dallas Police & Fire Pension System
ID # 0301-091**

Dear Ms. Suhm:

On February 9, 2000, the Board of Trustees for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System received a report on the progress of the due diligence review of the Akard Place Property, noting that the 40-day review period would end on March 6, 2000 (Exhibit "A"). The Akard Property is a group of seven commercial real estate properties located in and around the downtown Dallas Victory Project area (Exhibit "B").

On April 10, 2000, the Board of Trustees for the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System held an emergency meeting to consider L&B Realty Advisors' recommendation regarding the acquisition of the Akard Place Property. After a 5 minute closed executive session, the Board of Trustees voted to authorize the proposed transaction (Exhibit "C").

However, prior to the 40-day review period, and almost three months before the Board of Trustees voted to approve its acquisition, Articles of Incorporation were filed creating the legal entity that would acquire the Akard Place Property on behalf of the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System (Exhibit "D").

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, please provide a copy of the written authorization for the creation of PFP Akard Place, Inc. Please note that we are requesting that your office compile information responsive to this Open Records Request, and that a written itemized statement of estimated charges be provided in advance of work being started should the estimated charge exceed \$10.

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ID # 0301-092

Dear Ms. Suhm:

During 2002, the forensic accounting firm CFOpros received payments from the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System (and agents on its behalf) totaling \$64,362.17 (Exhibit "A"). However, amounts reported to the Board of Trustees for the same period were substantially lower at \$25,000.00.

We take seriously the responsibility of public reporting, and are concerned by the erroneous information reported by the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System in its Professional Services Budget for fiscal 2001/2002 (Exhibit "B"). Respectfully, we request that the City Manager's office provide an explanation at the earliest possible time.

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**RE: Texas Public Information Act - Open Records Request
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ID # 0301-093**

Dear Ms. Suhm:

In our letter of November 15, 2003, we requested information regarding competitive bids for legal services noting that on January 13, 2000, February 8, 2001, and December 12, 2002, the Board of Trustees for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System unanimously approved hourly rate increases for its outside legal counsel, Lawson & Fields, P.C. (Exhibit "A").

On December 15, 2003, the Administrator for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System responded to our request stating that "the quality of the legal advice upon which we will rely is our most important consideration" while failing to produce any information regarding competitive bids that may have been considered by the Board of Trustees (Exhibit "B").

We understand that the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System has disbursed \$1,067,983.00 in pension assets to outside legal counsel during the four year fiscal period from 1999 through 2002 (Exhibit "C"). Respectfully, we are requesting a copy of the Dallas Police & Fire System's policy regarding competitive bids. If none, please explain.

Please note that we are making this request pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code. In addition, please note that we are requesting that the City Manager's office compile information responsive to this Open Records Request, and that a written itemized statement of estimated charges be provided in advance of work being started should the estimated charge exceed \$10.

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ID # 0301-075

Dear Ms. Suhm:

On May 22, 2002, the Dallas Morning News published an article regarding the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System noting that "the system's accounts payable rolls contained numerous errors, incomplete postings and a wealth of omissions" and that "members of the system's management team were systematically procuring the personal bank records of employees" (Exhibit "A").

During June/July 2002, outside legal counsel for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System submitted invoices with a combined total of \$18,821.25 that included among routine legal services, \$11,131.00 in billings from a third-party vendor (Exhibit "B", Exhibit "C").

Pursuant to the Texas Public information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, please provide a copy of all invoices supporting the aforementioned \$11,131.00 payments to Spaeth Communication by the law firm of Lawson Fields McCue Lee & Campbell, P.C., on behalf of its client, the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System.

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ID # 0301-076

Dear Ms. Suhm:

On August 9, 2002, outside legal counsel for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System issued a cashier's check in the amount of \$54,000.00 to a third-party vendor for "confidential services rendered." (Exhibit "A").

Pursuant to the Texas Public information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, please provide a copy of all vendor invoices supporting the aforementioned \$54,000.00 payment by outside legal counsel for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System. If none, please explain.

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