

SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA



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Granted Appeal Summary

Case

RICHARD HAWKINS, III v. TOWN OF SOUTH HILL
(Record Number 210848)

From

The Circuit Court of Mecklenburg County; J.W. Watson, Jr., Judge.

Counsel

Richard F. Hawkins, III (The Hawkins Law Firm, PC) for appellant.

Melissa Y. York (Harman, Claytor, Corrigan & Wellman) for appellee.

Assignments of Error

- (1) The circuit court erred when it held that a demand letter from an employee's attorney to the attorney for the Town of South Hill (the "Town") was exempt from disclosure under Virginia's Freedom of Information Act ("VFOIA").
- (2) The Circuit Court erred when it held that an e-mail involving an employee complaint was exempt from disclosure under VFOIA.
- (3) The Circuit Court erred when it held that three resignation letters from Town employees were exempt from disclosure under VFOIA.
- (4) The Circuit Court erred when it held that Hawkins, despite succeeding in having the Circuit Court issue mandamus to order to the Town to produce two of the seven documents at issue, was not a prevailing party in the case.
- (5) The Circuit Court erred when it held that Hawkins was not entitled to attorney's fees and costs in this case.