

# STATE OF LOUISIANA

## COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2013 KW 2267

VERSUS

RALPH T. WOOD, JR.

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In Re: Ralph T. Wood, Jr., applying for supervisory writs,  
21st Judicial District Court, Parish of Tangipahoa,  
Nos. 1-200530, 2012-000010.


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**BEFORE: WHIPPLE, C.J., WELCH AND CRAIN, JJ.**

**WRIT DENIED.** Relator must follow the procedures set forth in La. R.S. 44:35(C). See also **State ex rel. McKnight v. State**, 98-2258 (La. App. 1st Cir. 12/3/98), 742 So.2d 894 (per curiam). A person who desires to examine public records must make the request to the custodian of the records. See La. R.S. 44:31 & 44:32. If a request for public records is denied by the custodian, before seeking relief from this Court, the person must first institute civil proceedings for a writ of mandamus at the trial court level. See La. R.S. 44:35(A). Should the person prevail, he should be prepared to pay the regular service fees for copies of the documents. **McKnight**, 742 So.2d at 895; **State ex rel. Nash v. State**, 604 So.2d 1054 (La. App. 1st Cir. 1992).

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