

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2014 CW 0269

VERSUS

JONATHAN D. COLEMAN

**JUN 02 2014**

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In Re: Jonathan D. Coleman, applying for supervisory writs,  
32nd Judicial District Court, Parish of Terrebonne,  
No. 385806.

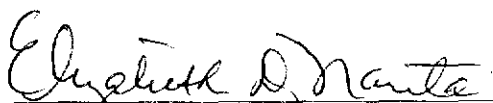
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**BEFORE: PARRO, GUIDRY, AND DRAKE, JJ.**

**WRIT DENIED.** Relator must make his request for documents in a civil proceeding under the Public Records Law, La. R.S. 44:1 et seq. A writ application arising in a criminal proceeding is not the proper procedural vehicle to establish a right to records under the Public Records Law. A request to examine public records must first be made 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, relator must first institute civil proceedings for a writ of mandamus at the trial court level, prior to seeking relief from this Court. See La. R.S. 44:35(A). Should relator prevail, he will be required to pay the regular service fees for copies of the documents. See **State ex rel. Nash v. State**, 604 So.2d 1054 (La. App. 1st Cir. 1992).

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