

STATE OF LOUISIANA
COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT

ANTHONY HATCHER

NO. 2015 CW 0869

VERSUS

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY AND
CORRECTIONS

OCT 06 2015

In Re: Anthony Hatcher, applying for supervisory writs, 19th
Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge,
No. 635586.

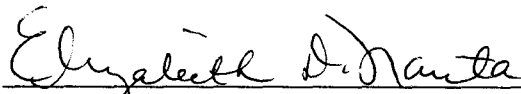
BEFORE: PETTIGREW, HIGGINBOTHAM AND CRAIN, JJ.

WRIT GRANTED WITH ORDER. After the trial court issues a ruling in the civil proceeding for a writ of mandamus pertaining to a custodian's denial of public records, a party may seek a civil appeal of the trial court's action, if desired. See La. R.S. 44:35(C); **State ex rel. McKnight v. State**, 98-2258 (La. App. 1st Cir. 12/3/98), 742 So.2d 894 (per curiam). See also **Williams Law Firm v. Board of Sup'rs of Louisiana State University**, 2003-0079 (La. App. 1st Cir. 4/2/04), 878 So.2d 557 and **Washington v. Reed**, 95-1067 (La. App. 1st Cir. 2/23/96), 668 So.2d 1313.

The district court's judgment of April 27, 2015, dismissing relator's petition for a writ of mandamus related to a public records request, is a final, appealable judgment. Therefore, the writ is granted for the limited purpose of remanding the case to the district court with instructions to grant the relator an appeal pursuant to the May 20, 2015 pleading notifying the district court of relator's intention to seek writs. See **In Re Howard**, 541 So.2d 195 (La. 1989) (per curiam). Additionally, a copy of this Court's order is to be included in the appellate record.

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