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NCOGC News

Jonathan Jones named new NCOGC director

In mid-August, Jonathan D. Jones, formerly an assistant district attorney for Durham County, became the director of the North Carolina Open Government Coalition and Sunshine Center. His duties will include working with the coalition's board to organize the state's annual Sunshine Day, advising citizens about open government issues, producing webinars or workshops around the state, handling communication for the coalition, and finding new ways to inform North Carolina citizens of the value and processes of open government in the state. He follows Brooke Barnett as the center's director.

Read more about Jonathan and his plans for the center here:
<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/73033>

SAVE THE DATE: The NCOGC will hold its fall board meeting from 12-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 in Elon University's School of Communications. Come meet new director Jonathan Jones and talk about the coalition's initiatives moving forward. If you're unable to attend the meeting in person, please dial 877-860-3058 and use passcode 7201493# to join the discussion remotely.

Private university records now more open under N.C. law

Earlier in the summer, Gov. Pat McCrory signed a bill that makes private college and university police records more open under the law. Here's a roundup of that coverage:

Fayetteville Observer: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/72698> and <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/73046>

Elon Local News: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/72865>

WRAL.com: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/72867>

Burlington Times-News: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/72869>

The Pendulum: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/72871>

Lawsuit claims Carolinas HealthCare System violated public record law

Charlotte Observer: A Charlotte attorney contends in a lawsuit that one of the nation's largest public hospital chains, Carolinas HealthCare System, has violated the state public records law by keeping secret the terms of a legal settlement.

For more information visit: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/73916>

Judge dismisses public records suit filed against Carolinas HealthCare System

Charlotte Observer: A judge has dismissed a lawsuit alleging that Carolinas HealthCare System, one of the nation's largest public hospital systems, has broken the state public records law.

For more information visit: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/74311>

WBPD complies with ACLU concerns

Lumina News: With the release of results from the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina's public records requests from the 11 law enforcement agencies currently using Automated License Plate Recognition Systems, ACLU of N.C. communications director Mike Meno said the organization hopes to inform citizens about the relatively new technology.

Read more at: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/74396>

Metadata as a public record: what it means, what it does

Digital Media Law Project: The failure to comply with a records request for email metadata will cost a Washington city more than half a million dollars in statutory and attorney's fees, a Washington Superior Court judge recently decided.

Read the full story at: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/74437>

Boone stalls on records request

Watauga Democrat: Boone town officials have rewritten the definition of the word, "prompt."

Read the full story at: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/75561>

Ethics complaint filed against Charlotte City Council

WCNC.com: our former reporters who sued over closed door meetings between the Charlotte City Council and Carolina Panthers Owner Jerry Richardson have now filed an ethics complaint saying the meetings violated North Carolina Open Records laws.

Read the full story at: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/75895>

Health department's copy fees questioned

Wilson Times: Wilson County's interim health director said he'll consider revising policies for public records requests that may violate state law.

Read the full story at: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/76839>

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